


**ANNUAL REPORT
OF
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**



**TOWN OF ORANGE
MASSACHUSETTS
FOR THE YEAR 2017**

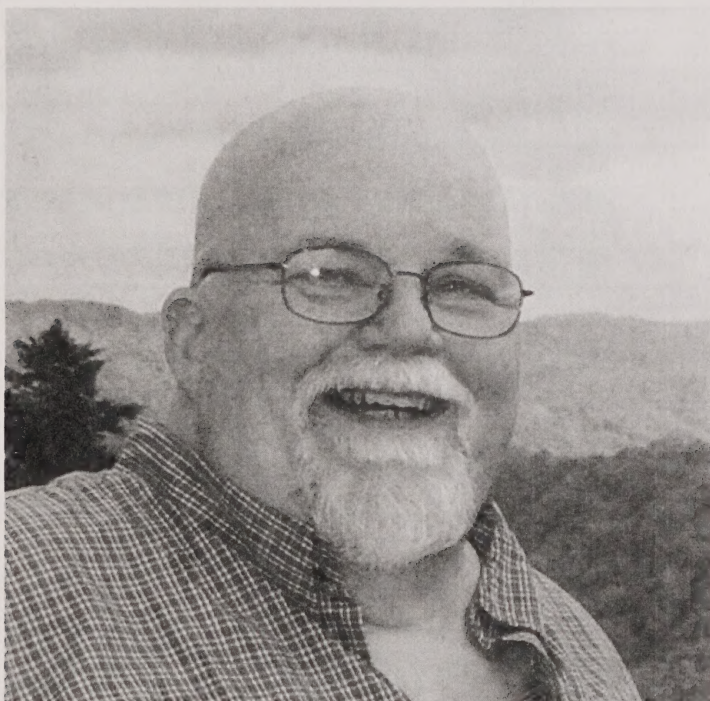


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2017 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

ALBERT E. "AL" NOYES

JUNE 7, 1957 – JANUARY 20, 2018



The Town of Orange lost a kind and friendly soul with the unexpected passing of Albert Noyes. Al was a very enthusiastic member of the Planning Board for many years. As a volunteer, Al invested countless hours in making Orange a better place. Al was a co-founder of Grrr Gear, Inc., a sporting goods store he operated for several years along with his wife Christine. His contributions to Orange were great. He will be sadly missed.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To focus every day on enriching the lives of our citizens by creating an exceptional environment and providing exemplary services that enable our community to thrive and prosper.

To achieve our mission, we will uphold the following values:

- Our organization exists to serve our citizens. We will be open, credible, ensure access, encourage involvement and be accountable to our citizens.
- Employees are our most important and expensive resource. Investing in our employees is investing in our Community.
- We will be honest, ethical and diligent. Our actions will comply with local, state and federal laws.
- We will treat everyone with dignity, respect and fairness.
- We will achieve the best results through effective teamwork, strategic partnerships and community participation.
- We will provide outstanding customer service that is polite, friendly and responsive.
- We will value creative thinking and innovation. We will strive to be recognized for excellence.
- We will value growth that balances desired service levels, economic benefits and continued stability for our Community.
- We are committed to proactive, comprehensive planning to guide the future of our Community.
- We are fiscally conservative. We will spend public funds prudently, responsibly and effectively to ensure the Community's short and long term financial security and viability.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, April 22, 2015

DIRECTORY **ORANGE TOWN OFFICES**

DEPARTMENT	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX
Accountant	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, X111	978-544-1120
Airport	80 Airport Road	978-544-8189	978-544-1126
Ambulance, Emergency Only		911	
Assessors	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, X108	978-544-1120
Board of Health	135 East Main Street	978-544-1107	978-544-1138
Building Department	135 East Main Street	978-544-1105	978-544-1138
Cemetery Department	585 South Main Street	978-544-3681	
Collector	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, X104	978-544-1134
Community Development	135 East Main Street		
Council on Aging/Senior Center	135 East Main Street	978-544-1113	
Fire Department – Headquarters	18 Water Street	978-544-3145	978-544-6476
Fire Department – To Report a Fire		911	
Highway Department	526 East River Street	978-544-1111	978-544-1141
Landfill/Recycling	25 Jones Street	978-544-1118	978-544-1120
Library – Moore-Leland	Athol Road	978-575-0444	
Library – Wheeler Memorial	49 East Main Street	978-544-2495	
Meal Site	135 East Main Street	978-544-7082	
Police Dept. – Emergency Only	400 East River Street	911	
Police Dept. – General Business	400 East River Street	978-544-2129	978-544-3070
School Dept. – Dexter Park School	75 Dexter Street	978-544-6080	
School Dept. – Fisher Hill School	59 Dexter Street	978-544-0018	978-544-5703
School Dept. – Kitchen	59 Dexter Street	978-544-1127	
School Dept. – Pre-School	75 Dexter Street	978-544-1124	
School Dept. – Special Needs Dept.	75 Dexter Street	978-544-6980	
School Dept. – Superintendent	307 South Main Street	978-544-6763	978-544-3450
School Dept. – Superintendent	307 South Main Street	978-544-1125	
School Dept. – Superintendent	307 South Main Street	978-544-1137	
Selectmen	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, X106	978-544-1120
Town Administrator	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, X107	978-544-1120
Town Clerk	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, X101	978-544-1134
Treasurer	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, X103	978-544-1120
Waste Water Treatment Facility	Rt. 2A	978-544-1114	978-544-1120
Water & Sewer Billing Lynne Boutwell, Administrative Assistant	6 Prospect Street lboutwell@townoforange.org	978-544-1100, X102	978-544-1120
Water Department	16 West Myrtle Street	978-544-1115	978-544-1122

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2017
ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

James E. Cornwell	March 2020
Ryan W. Mailloux	March 2018
Richard Sheridan	March 2019

MODERATOR

Christopher J. Woodcock	March 2018
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TOWN CLERK

Nancy M. Blackmer, MMC, CMMC	March 2020
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Jane M. Peirce	March 2018
Elizabeth Bouchard	March 2020
Patricia Pierson	March 2019

CONSTABLES

Randy Plante	March 2019
Arthur Savage	March 2019
James Gallagher	March 2019

TREE WARDEN

Joshua Knechtel (appointed)	March 2019
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ORANGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	March 2020
Dianne Salcedo	March 2020
Stephanie J. Conrod	March 2018
Robert H. Haigh, Sr.	March 2018
Amy White	March 2019
	March 2019
Jessica Knox	March 2019

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Patricia A. Smith	March 2018
Chante M. Jillson	March 2018
Peter Cross	March 2019
Christopher Paul	March 2019
Rebecca Badgley	March 2020
Sunday Lefebvre	March 2020

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Maria M. Bull	March 2018
Nathaniel J. Johnson	March 2018
Candace Cross	March 2019
Sandra Johnson	March 2019
Joanne Woodcock	March 2020
Robin Shtulman	March 2020

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Michael F. Hume	March 2018
Donald W. Priestley	March 2020

Richard Herk, Jr.	March 2019
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Stephen P. Johnson	March 2020
George C.F. Willard	March 2019
James E. Cornwell	March 2018

TRUSTEE OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS

Bruce St. John – Veteran	March 2020
James Cornwell – Veteran	March 2019
Michelle LeBlanc – Non Veteran	March 2019
Scott A. Hubbard – Veteran	March 2018
Christopher J. Marshall – Non Veteran	March 2018

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Dawn Latulippe (tenant)	March 2019
Olinto Paoletti	March 2020
Rebecca J. White	March 2021
Tracy S. Gaudet	March 2022
Rice B. Flanders (Governor's Appointee)	May 22, 2011

APPOINTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

ACCOUNTANT

Gail Weiss	October 2018
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ADA HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMPLIANCE BOARD (5)

Alan Paige	March 2019
Liz Rivera	March 2018
Nathaniel Johnson	March 2017

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (5)

Rachel Gonzalez	March 2020
Elissa Miller	March 2018
John N. Moore, III	March 2018
Christian Hains	March 2019
George Hunt, Sr.	March 2019

AIRPORT COMMISSION (5)

Julie Cole	March 2018
Michael Bernard	March 2019
Scott Parker	March 2019
Cain Blackbird	March 2020
Richard White	March 2020

ARMORY COMMISSION (5)

Clifford Fournier	March 2020
Ken Reynolds	March 2020
Lynn Price	March 2019
William Ruby	March 2018
Paul Robichaud	March 2018

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Richard Herk, Jr.	March 2019
Cynthia Brown	March 2020

Brenda Piro March 2018

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Andrea Crete

BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)

Lenarda O'Loughlin March 2020

Pamela Rogers March 2018

Darren Alston March 2019

BROWNFIELDS STEERING COMMITTEE

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Casey Bashaw March 2018

Stephanie Conrod March 2018

Brian Gale March 2018

Walter Herk March 2018

Kevin Kennedy March 2018

March 2018

Leo Piro March 2018

Ken Reynolds March 2018

Richard Sheridan March 2018

Mary King March 2018

BUILDING DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Philip Harris

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Warren Jenks March 2018

Keith Colturi (Alternate) March 2018

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Casey Bashaw March 2018

Michael Woodard (Alternate) March 2018

BUTTERFIELD PLAYGROUND TASK FORCE

Susan Heinricher Walter Herk

John Waters Andrea Boyer, Alternate

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE (5)

March 2019

March 2019

March 2020

March 2020

March 2018

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3)

Nancy M. Blackmer

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (5 plus alternate)

Rick Innes March 2018

David Ames March 2020

Jane Peirce March 2019

Ryan Mailloux

Nathan Steinberg (Alternate) March 2013

CHIEF OPERATOR, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
Edward Billiel

COLLECTOR

Jerilynn B. Deyo, CMMC

CONSERVATION BOARD (7)

Nan Hunt	March 2020
	March 2020
	March 2018
Cheryl Ruf	March 2018
	March 2019
Alec MacLeod	March 2019
Casey Vollinger	March 2019

COUNCIL ON AGING (9)

Henry Oertel	March 2019
Ken Reynolds	March 2019
Rebecca White	March 2020
Lynn Price	March 2020
Bonita Bradshaw	March 2018
Jeanette DeJackome	March 2018
Joanne Wheeler	March 2018
	March 2019
Robert Carey	March 2020

DOG OFFICER

March 2014

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORP. (7)

Joshua Knechtel	July 2018
Karl Bittenbender	July 2019
Mark Wright	July 2019
Sara Lyman	July 2019
	July 2019
Richard Sheridan	July 2020
Marc Ostberg	July 2020

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

James Young

FINANCE COMMITTEE (7)

David Welenc	June 2018
Anthony Leger	June 2018
Robert Stack	June 2018
Gladys Torres	June 2019
George D. Hunt	June 2019
Keith LaRiviere	June 2020
	June 2020

FIRE CHIEF

James Young

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

William Gale

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

James Young

March 2017

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

William Gale

March 2017

Mark Fortier

March 2017

Mark Vitale

March 2017

Meaghan Ahearn

March 2017

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL TECH. SCHOOL

Clifford Fournier

June 2020

Linda Chapman

June 2019

FRCOG PLANNING BOARD

FRCOG REPRESENTATIVE

F.R.T.A. ADVISORY BOARD

GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CEDS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3-7)

March 2020

March 2020

March 2018

March 2018

March 2018

March 2019

March 2019

HUMAN RESOURCE BOARD (5)

Judy Cornwell

July 2018

Kim Marshall

July 2018

Douglas Engstrom

July 2020

Laurie MacDonald

July 2019

Patricia Basford

July 2019

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Andrea Crete

March 2013

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jessica Magelaner

MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mercedes Clingerman

Paul Lyman

MOBIL RENT CONTROL BOARD (3)

David Ames

March 2017

Rice Flanders

March 2019

George Willard

March 2018

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Heather Stone

Noah Stone

Patricia Smith

Alec MacLeod

ORANGE CULTURAL COUNCIL (no limit)

Genevieve Fraser	February 2018
Charlene Deam	May 2019
Day Lone Wolf	May 2019
Elizabeth Peirce	May 2019
Joyce Sawyer	May 2019
Arthur Waite	May 2019
Nathaniel Johnson	October 2019
Keila Ploof	March 2019

PLANNING BOARD (7)

	March 2021
Bruce St. John	March 2021
John McHale	March 2018
Casey Bashaw	March 2019
Marc Ostberg	March 2022
Mercedes Clingerman	March 2020
Albert Noyes	March 2020
Steven Gargone (Alternate)	March 2020

POLICE CHIEF

Craig Lundgren

PUTNAM HALL & GETTY LOT STUDY

Karl Bittenbender
Richard Kwiatkowski

REP. TO FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Priscilla Curtis

Ed Billiel, Jr.

RIVERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE

Patricia Andrews

Polly Bixby

David Frye

David Flint

Bruce Scherer

Patricia Smith

Linda Temple

David Songer

Michael Yohan

Jeanie Miller

Denise Andrews

Rose Marie Thoms

SANITATION SUPT.

Robert Smith, Jr.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

John R. Greene

March 2018

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAY, PARKS, & CEMETARY

Colin Killay

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER

Ken Wysk

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TOWN BUILDING PLANNING COMMITTEE

Richard Sheridan

TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (5)

Shirley Barrus		March 2016
TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE		
Pennie Smith	Linda Temple	Richard Hall
Pamela Smith	Denise Andrews	Deborah Kent
William Johnson		

TREASURER

Gabriele Voelker

VETERANS AGENT

Fedencia Fitch	March 2018
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WATERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE

Pat Smith	Dana Songer	Anthony Brighenti
David Songer	Donn Deane	Linda Temple
Arthur Dumont	Ann Townsend	Rice Flanders
Jerry Whaland	Michael Moore	Bruce Scherer
Michael Yohan	Pat Larson	David Frye
Dave Small	Pat Andrews	

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (5)

Casey Bashaw	March 2018
Richard Herk	March 2018
Kelli Gervais	March 2019
	March 2017
	March 2017
George Hunt, Jr. (Alternate)	March 2018
(Alternate)	March 2017

Dog Report

Total Licenses Sold	1,335
Total Kennel Sold	8

Vital Statistics

Births	Marriages	Deaths
54	29	77

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy M. Blackmer, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

Annual Town Election
March 6, 2017

Total Registered Voters	4,673
Total Votes Cast	943

Selectman	
Kathy Reinig	356
James Cornwell	572
All Others	7
Blanks	8

Moderator	
Christopher Woodcock	802
All Others	4
Blanks	137

Town Clerk	
Nancy M. Blackmer	735
Michelle LeBlanc	199
All Others	1
Blanks	8

Board of Health, 3 years	
Elizabeth Bouchard	735
All Others	1
Blanks	207

Board of Health, 2 years	
Patricia Pierson	726
All Others	2
Blanks	215

Elementary School Committee (2)	
Dianne Salcedo	741
All Others	13
Blanks	1,132

Regional School Committee (2)	
Rebecca Badgley	667
Sunday Lefebvre	635
All Others	2
Blanks	582

Library Trustee (2)	
Robin Shtulman	713

Joanne Woodcock	13
Carl Sauter	7
All Others	10
Blanks	1,143

Water Commissioner	
Donald Priestley	790
All Others	2
Blanks	151

Cemetery Commissioner	
Stephen Johnson	799
All Others	0
Blanks	144

Trustee of Soldiers' Memorials – Veteran	
Bruce St. John	790
All Others	0
Blanks	153

Trustee of Soldiers' Memorials – Non Veteran, 1 year	
Christopher Marshall	783
All Others	2
Blanks	158

Housing Authority	
Donald Grenier	733
All Others	2
Blanks	208

Special Town Meeting Warrant
Fiscal Year 2017

April 1, 2017
10:00 AM

ARTICLE 1: PRIOR YEAR BILLS – FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$56.00 from Fire Department Expenses to pay Northeast Promotion and Apparel in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years; or take any other action relative thereto.

9/10th vote required.

ARTICLE 1: PRIOR YEAR BILLS – FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

Move the Town vote the sum of \$56.00 from Fire Department Expenses to pay Northeast Promotion and Apparel in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years.

required.

Recommended by Finance

Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT REVOLVING FUND

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$40,629.97 from the Airport Revolving Fund account to pay the town's portion of a \$1,792,225 federal and state grant for the Reconstruction of Taxiway Delta Project; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT REVOLVING FUND

Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$40,629.97 from the Airport Revolving Fund account to pay the town's portion of a \$1,792,225 federal and state grant for the Reconstruction of Taxiway Delta Project.

Recommended by Finance

Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: TRANSFER FROM WATER ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to fund recoating the exterior surfaces of the water storage tanks and install fall protection apparatus; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: TRANSFER FROM WATER ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS

Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to fund recoating the exterior surfaces of the water storage tanks and install fall protection apparatus.

Recommended by Finance

Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER FROM WATER ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to fund new FY17 Annual Budget account line titled 'Dam Management' to be used for the restoration, removals, and transfers of dams under the jurisdiction of the Water Department to comply with the Office of Dam Safety regulations; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER FROM WATER ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS

Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to fund new FY17 Annual Budget account line titled 'Dam Management' to be used for the restoration, removals, and transfers of dams under the jurisdiction of the Water Department to comply with the Office of Dam Safety regulations.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: RETURN OF CEMETERY LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$350.00 (the original purchase price) from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Unrestricted Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase cemetery lots back from Steven & Celeste Largesse; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: RETURN OF CEMETERY LOTS

Move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$350.00 (the original purchase price) from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Unrestricted Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to purchase cemetery lots back from Steven & Celeste Largesse.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: TEMPORARY EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a temporary easement on the northerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Henry J. and Beverly Satrowsky for the purpose of reconstructing existing driveway and connect proposed walkway to existing walkway during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-2, consisting of 409 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means.

Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: TEMPORARY EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 from Free Cash, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or to acquire by gift, a temporary easement on the northerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Henry J. and Beverly Satrowsky for the purpose of reconstructing existing driveway and connect proposed walkway to existing walkway during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-2, consisting of 409 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

2/3 Vote Required

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: TEMPORARY EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a temporary easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Pan Am Southern LLC for the purpose of providing support of excavation for construction of bridge and for temporary location of utility pole and overhead wires during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-4, consisting of 423 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 from Free Cash, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or to acquire by gift, a temporary easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Pan Am Southern LLC for the purpose of providing support of excavation for construction of bridge and for temporary location of utility pole and overhead wires during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-4, consisting of 423 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

2/3 Vote Required

Recommended by Finance

Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: TEMPORARY EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a temporary easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Pan Am Southern LLC for the purpose of temporary location of overhead wires and access to utility poles during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-8, consisting of 386 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may

acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: TEMPORARY EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 from Free Cash, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or to acquire by gift, a temporary easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Pan Am Southern LLC for the purpose of temporary location of overhead wires and access to utility poles during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-8, consisting of 386 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

*2/3 Vote Required
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: TEMPORARY EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a temporary easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Peter R. Cellana for the purpose of providing support of excavation for construction of bridge wingwall and for regrading around swale and to construct drainage structures, and for construction access during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-5, consisting of 2,092 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 from Free Cash, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or to acquire by gift, a temporary easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Peter R. Cellana for the purpose of providing support of excavation for construction of bridge wingwall and for regrading around swale and to construct drainage structures, and for construction access during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-5, consisting of 2,092 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts

Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

*2/3 Vote Required
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: TEMPORARY EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a temporary easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from an Unknown Owner for the purpose of providing support of excavation for construction of bridge pier and for temporary location of overhead wires during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-6, consisting of 3,579 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: TEMPORARY EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 from Free Cash, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or to acquire by gift, a temporary easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from an Unknown Owner for the purpose of providing support of excavation for construction of bridge pier and for temporary location of overhead wires during the Holtshire Road and bridge project, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-TE-6, consisting of 3,579 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

*2/3 Vote Required
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: PERMANENT EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a permanent easement on the northerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Henry J. and Beverly Satrowsky for

general highway purposes including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, maintaining, drainage, erecting structures and all other general highway purposes with the right to enter upon said land at any time to construct, repair, and maintain said public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-PUE-1, consisting of 105 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: PERMANENT EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 from Free Cash, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or to acquire by gift, a permanent easement on the northerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Henry J. and Beverly Satrowsky for general highway purposes including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, maintaining, drainage, erecting structures and all other general highway purposes with the right to enter upon said land at any time to construct, repair, and maintain said public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-PUE-1, consisting of 105 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

2/3 Vote Required

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: PERMANENT EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a permanent easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Pan Am Southern LLC for general highway purposes including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, maintaining, drainage, erecting structures and all other general highway purposes with the right to enter upon said land at any time to construct, repair, and maintain said public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-PUE-3, consisting of 705 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River,

Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: PERMANENT EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 from Free Cash, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or to acquire by gift, a permanent easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Pan Am Southern LLC for general highway purposes including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, maintaining, drainage, erecting structures and all other general highway purposes with the right to enter upon said land at any time to construct, repair, and maintain said public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-PUE-3, consisting of 705 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

2/3 Vote Required

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: PERMANENT EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a permanent easement on the northerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Pan Am Southern LLC for general highway purposes including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, maintaining, drainage, erecting structures and all other general highway purposes with the right to enter upon said land at any time to construct, repair, and maintain said public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-D-3, consisting of 325 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: PERMANENT EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 from Free Cash, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or to acquire by gift, a permanent easement on the northerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Pan Am Southern LLC for general highway purposes including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, maintaining, drainage, erecting structures and all other general highway purposes with the right to enter upon said land at any time to construct, repair, and maintain said public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-D-3, consisting of 325 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Frankin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

*2/3 Vote Required
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: PERMANENT EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a permanent easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Peter R. Cellana for general highway purposes including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, maintaining, drainage, erecting structures and all other general highway purposes with the right to enter upon said land at any time to construct, repair, and maintain said public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-PUE-2, consisting of 497 square feet more less on a set of plans “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Frankin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

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public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-PUE-2, consisting of 497 square feet more less on a set of plans "Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts" prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527," dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

2/3 Vote Required

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion failed.

ARTICLE 15: PERMANENT EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a permanent easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from an Unknown Owner for general highway purposes including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, maintaining, drainage, erecting structures and all other general highway purposes with the right to enter upon said land at any time to construct, repair, and maintain said public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-PUE-4, consisting of 579 square feet more less on a set of plans entitled "Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts" prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527," dated December 7, 2016. S Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

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in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk.

*2/3 Vote Required
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Motion passed, by the required 2/3 majority.

ARTICLE 16: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH – ORANGE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8,498.84 from available Free Cash to be gifted to the Orange Recreation Association (ORA) to be used to provide recreation programs and services in the town of Orange; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH – ORANGE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$8,498.84 from available Free Cash to be gifted to the Orange Recreation Association (ORA) to be used to provide recreation programs and services in the town of Orange.

*Recommended by Finance
Committee*

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH – POLICE SALARIES AND WAGES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from available Free Cash to Police Salary and Wages; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH – POLICE SALARIES AND WAGES

Move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from available Free Cash to Police Salary and Wages.

Recommended by Finance

Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: POINT PROCEEDS TO STABILIZATION

To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, section 5B, to dedicate and deposit those funds received from the sale of the properties at the Point at Lake Mattawa that are designated to go into the General Treasury, pursuant to C. 210 of the Acts of 2012 to be dedicated and deposited into a Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: POINT PROCEEDS TO STABILIZATION

Move the Town authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, section 5B, to dedicate and deposit those funds received from the sale of the properties at the Point at Lake Mattawa that are designated to go into the General Treasury, pursuant to C. 210 of the Acts of 2012 to be dedicated and deposited into the Recreational Improvements Stabilization Fund which is hereby created.

Motion to amend to replace Recreational Improvements Stabilization Fund with Capital Stabilization Fund. Motion to amend passed, not unanimously.

Motion as amended passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: ZONING DISTRICT B RE-ZONING PROPOSAL

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 205, Section II, Subsection 2110 of the Town of Orange Zoning Bylaw, by amending the “Official Zoning Map, Orange, Massachusetts” dated June 6, 2014 which said Map is on file with the Town Clerk by adopting the new district boundary lines shown on the map entitled “Route 2 Work, A Job Creation Corridor Zone Change, Town of Orange, November 2016” to further (1) include all of the following parcels in the Residential/Commercial District (B): 129-13; 130-5; 130-6; 130-7; 130-8; 130-9; 130-10; 250-6; 250-12; 250-18; 250-19; 250-23; 250-24; 250-26; 253-42 and 253-43; and (2) remove the language describing the boundaries of the B District; and (3) change the date of the “Official Zoning Map, Orange, Massachusetts” referenced therein to December 10, 2016; or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 19: ZONING DISTRICT B RE-ZONING PROPOSAL

Move the Town vote to amend Chapter 205, Section II, Subsection 2110 of the Town of Orange Zoning Bylaw, by amending the “Official Zoning Map, Orange, Massachusetts” dated June 6, 2014 which said Map is on file with the Town Clerk by adopting the new district boundary lines shown on the map entitled “Route 2 Work, A Job Creation Corridor Zone Change, Town of Orange, November 2016” to further (1) include all of the following parcels in the Residential/Commercial District (B): 129-13; 130-5; 130-6; 130-7; 130-8; 130-9; 130-10; 250-6; 250-12; 250-18; 250-19; 250-23; 250-24; 250-26; 253-42 and 253-43; and (2) remove the language describing the boundaries of the B District; and (3) change the date of the “Official Zoning Map, Orange, Massachusetts” referenced therein to April 3, 2017.

*Recommended by Finance
Committee*

Motion passed by the required 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 20: WHEELER LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT – GRANT FUNDS

To authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Library Trustees to apply for any state funds which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of the design, construction and equipping of the library project located at 49 East Main Street, and to authorize the Library Building Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: WHEELER LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT – GRANT FUNDS

Move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Library Trustees to apply for any state funds which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of the design, construction and equipping of the library project located at 49 East Main Street, and to authorize the Library Building Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation.

*Recommended by Finance
Committee*

Motion to move the question, motion passed, unanimously.
Motion passed, 85 in favor, 44 opposed.

ARTICLE 21: WHEELER LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT – ACCEPT SCHEMATIC DESIGN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Wheeler Memorial Library to accept the schematic design for a new library facility on town owned property located at 49 East Main Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: WHEELER LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT – ACCEPT SCHEMATIC DESIGN

Move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Wheeler Memorial Library to accept the schematic design for a new library facility on town owned property located at 49 East Main Street.

*Recommended by Finance
Committee*

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: PETITIONED ARTICLE TO RESCIND ARTICLE 26 OF JUNE 2013 ATM

To see if the Town will vote to rescind article 26 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 17, 2013, which authorized the Board of Selectmen to develop a petition to send to the General Court for special legislation related to establishing a Department of Public Works in the town; such legislation to be first approved at a future Special or Annual Town Meeting; or take any action related there to.

ARTICLE 22: PETITIONED ARTICLE TO RESCIND ARTICLE 26 OF JUNE 2013 ATM

Move the Town vote to rescind article 26 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 17, 2013, which authorized the Board of Selectmen to develop a petition to send to the General Court for special legislation related to establishing a Department of Public Works in the town; such legislation to be first approved at a future Special or Annual Town Meeting.

Motion passed,not unanimously.

Special Town Meeting Warrant
Fiscal Year 2017

June 19, 2017
7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1: PRIOR YEAR BILLS – AIRPORT EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$36.62 from Airport Department Expenses to pay Hamshaw Lumber, Inc. in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriation to Pay

Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years; or take any other action relative thereto.

9/10th vote required.

ARTICLE 1: Move that the Town vote the sum of \$36.62 from Airport Department Expenses to pay Hamshaw Lumber, Inc. in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: PERMANENT EASEMENT – HOLTSHIRE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, a permanent easement on the southerly side of Holtshire Road, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts from Peter R. Cellana for general highway purposes including, but not limited to, constructing, repairing, maintaining, drainage, erecting structures and all other general highway purposes with the right to enter upon said land at any time to construct, repair, and maintain said public way and bridge, to erect, repair, maintain, use, and place utilities and any other necessary structures on said public way and bridge, and for all other general highway purposes for Holtshire Road and the bridge thereon, said land is more particularly described as Parcel X-PUE-2, consisting of 497 square feet more less on a set of plans “Easement Plan of Land, Holtshire Road Over Millers River, Orange Massachusetts” prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., on behalf of Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division for the Holtshire Road Bridge Replacement Over Millers Rivers (Bridge No. O-03-009) in the Town of Orange, Franklin County, Project File No. 607527,” dated December 7, 2016. Further, that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. Said plans are filed with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Move the article as printed.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: SNOW AND ICE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$186,330 from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the deficit; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: Move that the Town transfer the sum of \$186,330 from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the deficit.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER FUNDS – HIGHWAY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Highway Wages to Highway Expense; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: Move that the Town transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Highway Wages to Highway Expense.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FISCAL YEAR 2018**

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: TOWN REPORT

To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 1: Move to pass over until a future meeting.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: REVOLVING FUNDS – M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E1/2

To see if the Town will vote, upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, to authorize the following revolving funds for certain town departments under M.G.L. c 44, s53E½ for FY2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	**Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	Spending Limit
Hazardous Spills	Fire Chief	Hazardous Material Incidents Receipts	Operational Expenses for supplies, equipment, clothing, vehicle response, labor & training.	\$20,000
Gas Inspector	Building Inspector	90% of Fees for Gas Inspector Services	Gas Inspector's Part-Time Salary and Expense	\$15,000
Plumbing Inspector	Building Inspector	90% of Fees for Plumbing Inspector Services	Plumbing Inspector's Part-Time Salary and Expenses	\$15,000
Excavation and Trench Permit	Building Inspector	Trench Permits & Fees	Expenses Related to Excavation and Trench Permits	\$ 5,000
Airport Fuel	Airport Commissioners	Revenue from Aviation Fuel Sales	Purchase of Aviation Fuel to be Sold and Related Expenses	\$105,000
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Sealer of Weights & Measures	Fees for Sealer of Weights & Measures Services	Sealer of Weights & Measures Part-Time Salary and Expenses	\$15,000
Board of Health	Board of Health	Board of Health Application Fees and Permits	Operational Expenses	\$30,000
Landfill & Recycling	Sanitation Manager	Fees Charged for Gas Cylinders & Mattresses	Expenses Related to Disposal of Gas Cylinders & Mattresses	\$30,000
Landfill & Recycling	Sanitation Manager	Compost Area Revenue	Expenses Related to Compost Area	\$ 7,000
Dog Fund	Police Chief	Revenue from All Dog Related Fees and Fines	Operational Expenses for Dog Licensing & Animal Control	\$50,000
			TOTAL OF REVOLVING FUNDS	\$292,000

	Single Dept. Authorization May Not Exceed 1% of Tax Levy		LIMIT 10% OF FY16 TAX LEVY \$ 1% LIMIT - AUTHORIZED TO SPEND	\$1,063,120 \$106,312
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Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 2: Move that the Town authorize the Revolving Funds as listed in the article.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: SALE OF TAX TITLE LAND

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer from the Treasurer to the Board of Selectmen the care, custody and control of those parcels of land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, those parcels acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: Move that the Town vote to authorize the transfer from the Treasurer to the Board of Selectmen the care, custody and control of those parcels of land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, those parcels acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: AUTHORIZE BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 in accordance with the M.G.L. c44, §4; or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds Vote Required.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 4: Move that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 in accordance with the M.G.L. c44, §4.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: BALANCE AGREEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2018 as permitted by M.G.L. c44, §53F; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 5: Move that the Town authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2018 as permitted by M.G.L. c44, §53F.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: GRANT APPLICATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any State and Federal grants that do not require a Town appropriation, and those that require Town appropriation are subject to Town approval of the expenditure of those funds; or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 6: Move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any State and Federal grants that do not require a Town appropriation, and those that require Town appropriation are subject to Town approval of the expenditure of those funds.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property and surplus real estate of the Town in accordance with Chapter 76 of the *General Bylaws of the Town of Orange* and following the procedures required by M.G.L. c.30B §15 and §16; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 7: Move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property and surplus real estate of the Town in accordance with Chapter 76 of the *General Bylaws of the Town of Orange* and following the procedures required by M.G.L. c.30B §15 and §16.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$739,856 for the Water Enterprise Fund beginning July 1, 2017 in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources; or take any action relative thereto.

User Charges	\$726,637
Water Liens	\$3,244
Other Departmental Revenue	\$2,550
Investment Income	\$3,425
Development Charges	\$4,000
Retained Earnings	0
Total Revenues	\$739,856

To be expended as follows:

Direct Costs

Salaries & Wages	\$254,460
Expenses	\$251,400
Equipment	\$41,500
Tully Water	\$22,500
Capital Outlay	\$21,500
Debt & Interest	0
Emergency Reserve	\$15,000
Subtotal	\$606,360

Indirect Costs	\$133,496
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Total Expenses	\$739,856
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Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 8: Move to approve the article as printed.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: WWTP/SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$734,742.00 for the WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources; or to take any other action relative thereto.

User Fees	\$694,542
Connection Fees	\$200
Sewer Liens Revenue	\$40,000
Total Revenues	\$734,742

To be expended as follows:

Direct Costs

Salaries & Wages	\$194,915
Expenses	\$207,929
Capital Outlay	\$120,000
Debt & Interest	\$98,750
Emergency Reserve	\$10,000
Subtotal	\$631,594

Indirect Costs	\$103,148
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Total Expenses

\$734,742

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 9: Move to approve the article as printed.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: TRANSFER FROM TRANSFER STATION WINDOW STICKER REVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,700 from the Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue Account to the Landfill Monitoring/Maintenance account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of monitoring and maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 10: Move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,700 from the Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue Account to the Landfill Monitoring/Maintenance account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of monitoring and maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: TRANSFER FROM TRANSFER STATION WINDOW STICKER REVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,377 from Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue account to Public Works Wages account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 11: Move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,377 from Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue account to Public Works Wages account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities.

Move to amend by changing Public Works Wages to Sanitation Wages. Amendment passed, unanimously.

Motion as amended, passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: ELECTED OFFICERS COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by M.G.L. c.41, §108 effective July 1, 2017, as contained in the budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 12: Move that the Town fix the compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by M.G.L. c.41, §108 effective July 1, 2017, as contained in the budget.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: TOWN BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2018

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017; or take any other action relative thereto. (OMNIBUS BUDGET)

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 13: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 as presented in the Budget.

			<i>FINCOM FY 18</i>
	<i>FY17 VOTED</i>		<i>RECOMMENDED</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Selectmen Expenses	\$ 4,030.00	\$	4,030.00
Siemens Energy Monitoring (ESCO)	\$ -	\$	-
Town Administrator Salary	\$ 82,723.00	\$	82,723.00
Town Administrator Wages	\$ 47,946.00	\$	48,664.00
Town Administrator Expenses	\$ 685.00	\$	685.00
Finance Committee Expenses	\$ 176.00	\$	176.00
Reserve Fund	\$ 30,000.00	\$	94,370.00
Accountant Salary	\$ 65,000.00	\$	65,975.00
Accountant Wages	\$ 14,021.00	\$	14,071.00
Accountant Expenses	\$ 10,550.00	\$	10,600.00
Audit	\$ 25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
Assessors Wages	\$ 34,540.00	\$	34,540.00
Assessors Expenses	\$ 32,925.00	\$	68,325.00
Treasurer Salary	\$ 47,703.00	\$	48,418.00
Treasurer Wages	\$ 31,478.00	\$	31,478.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$ 11,480.00	\$	11,480.00
Vadar Software Maintenance	\$ 10,032.00	\$	14,383.00

Collector Salary	\$ 46,052.00	\$ 46,742.00
Collector Wages	\$ 19,509.00	\$ 19,559.00
Collector Expenses	\$ 10,060.00	\$ 10,208.19
Collector Tax Title Foreclosure	\$ 3,280.00	\$ 3,280.00
Town Counsel	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
HR Board Expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
General Office Wages	\$ -	\$ -
General Office Expenses	\$ 56,703.00	\$ 56,852.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 46,152.00	\$ 46,844.00
Town Clerk Wages	\$ -	\$ -
Town Clerk Expenses	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 7,790.00
Election Registrars Salaries	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Election Registrars Wages	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Election Expenses	\$ 8,950.00	\$ 8,950.00
Conservation Commission Expenses	\$ 214.00	\$ 214.00
Planning/CD Director Salary	\$ 55,895.00	\$ 56,733.00
Planning/CD Wages	\$ -	\$ -
Planning Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
ZBA Expenses	\$ 97.00	\$ 97.00
Town Hall Maintenance	\$ 40,200.00	\$ 40,700.00
Town Report	\$ -	\$ -
Armory Maintenance	\$ 42,600.00	\$ 42,600.00
Stabilization Fund	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 835,551.00	\$ 968,987.19
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
Police Chief's Salary	\$ 93,264.00	\$ 96,477.88
Police Salaries and Wages	\$ 830,000.00	\$ 877,827.00
Police Expenses	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 91,682.00
Fire Chief's Wages	\$ 104,070.00	\$ 101,570.00
Fire/EMS Wages	\$ 740,000.00	\$ 740,000.00
Fire/EMS Expenses	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 230,000.00
Emergency Management Director		\$ 2,500.00
Building Commissioner Salary	\$ 58,753.00	\$ 52,000.00
Building Department Wages	\$ 15,781.00	\$ 23,834.00
Building Department Expenses	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Electrical Inspector's Salary	\$ 25,287.00	\$ 25,666.00

Electrical Inspector's Alt. Wages	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Electrical Inspector's Travel Wages	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Animal Inspector's Salary	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Animal Inspector' Expense	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00
Regional Animal Control Program	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 21,484.00
Municipal Hearings Officer	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Tree Warden (OPS)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROP.	\$ 2,212,079.00	\$ 2,280,964.88
ORANGE EDUCATION		
Orange Elementary Schools	\$ 5,972,563.00	\$ 5,972,563.00
R.C.Mahar Reg. School	\$ 3,802,842.00	\$ 4,011,821.00
Franklin Cty Tech	\$ 606,729.00	\$ 543,103.00
Smith Voc	\$ 35,112.00	\$ 35,112.00
Vocational Transportation	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 25,200.00
TOTAL ORANGE EDUCATION	\$ 10,442,446.00	\$ 10,587,799.00
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES		
Highway/Parks/Cemetery Supts. Salary	\$ 111,668.00	\$ 67,417.00
Public Works Wages	\$ 461,895.00	\$ 403,429.00
Public Works Expenses	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 235,560.00
Highway/Sewer Supt.Salary	\$ -	
Highway Wages	\$ -	
Highway Adm.Construction & Maint.	\$ -	
Snow & Ice	\$ 130,032.00	\$ 140,032.00
Street Lights	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Franklin County Solid Waste District	\$ 19,689.00	\$ 19,780.00
Sanitation Salary	\$ -	\$ 45,925.00
Sanitation Wages	\$ -	\$ 44,313.00
Sanitation Expense	\$ -	\$ 104,734.00
Airport Manager's Salary	\$ 54,932.00	\$ 55,756.00
Airport Wages	\$ 32,789.00	\$ 35,734.00
Airport Expense	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
Airport Aviation Gas Sales & Exp.		
Cemetery/Parks/TS Supt. Salary	\$ -	

Cemetery Wages	\$ -	
Cemetery Dept. Expense	\$ -	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	\$ 1,192,005.00	\$ 1,208,680.00
HUMAN SERVICES		
Board of Health Agent	\$ 55,037.00	\$ 56,700.00
Board of Health Admin Clerical	\$ 16,530.00	\$ 7,914.00
Board of Health Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Council on Aging Director	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 30,958.00
Council on Aging Wages	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,800.00
Council on Aging Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Veterans' District Admin	\$ 22,787.00	\$ 24,005.00
Veterans' Benefits	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 307,154.00	\$ 266,877.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Library Director Salary	\$ 57,738.00	\$ 58,604.00
Library Wages	\$ 157,343.00	\$ 157,989.00
Library Expenses	\$ 114,525.00	\$ 119,525.00
		\$ -
Historical Commission Expenses		\$ -
		\$ 150.00
Agricultural Commission		
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$ 329,606.00	\$ 336,268.00
DEBT SERVICE		
Landfill Cap & Close Principal ('18)	\$ 64,286.00	\$ 60,000.00
Landfill Cap & Close Interest	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 13,020.00
Community Septic Mgmt Prog Principal ('19)	\$ -	\$ -
Lake Avenue Betterments Principal ('15)	\$ -	
Lake Avenue Betterments Interest	\$ -	
Tully Fire Station Principal ('48)	\$ 19,664.00	\$ 20,450.00
Tully Fire Station Interest	\$ 49,277.00	\$ 48,491.00
Group Health Trust Def Principal - final in FY16	\$ -	\$ -

Group Health Trust Def Interest	\$ -	\$ -
Butterfield School Roof Principal	\$ -	\$ -
Butterfield School Roof Interest	\$ -	\$ -
ESCO USDA Principal	\$ 43,468.00	\$ 45,207.00
ESCO USDA Interest	\$ 34,813.00	\$ 33,074.00
R. C. Mahar Reg. School Debt Service	\$ 194,440.00	\$ 204,724.00
Dexter Park Roof Principal	\$ 59,375.00	\$ 62,625.00
Dexter Park Roof Interest	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,492.00
Butterfield Chair Lift Principal	\$ -	
Butterfield Chair Lift Interest	\$ -	
Butterfield Park Renovation Principal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Butterfield Park Renovation Interest	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 840.00
Article lease or estimated debt	\$ -	
Police Station Renovations Principal	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Police Station Renovations Interest	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,008.00
Departmental Equipment Principal	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Departmental Equipment Interest	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 2,640.00
Putnam Hall Demo Principal	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Putnam Hall Demo Interest	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,890.00
Ambulance Principal		\$ -
Ambulance Interest	\$ -	\$ -
Police Cruiser Lease - R&A - final in FY16	\$ -	
Short Term Borrowing	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 630,178.00	\$ 648,461.00
MISCELLANEOUS (FIXED) EXPENSES		
Franklin Regional Council of Governments	\$ 34,418.00	\$ 35,983.00
Franklin Regional Retirement Assessment	\$ 895,582.00	\$ 919,466.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 69,420.00	\$ 78,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Group Insurance (Health, Life, & Med. Pen.)	\$ 1,860,912.00	\$ 1,914,042.00
Group Dental	\$ 106,675.00	\$ 106,675.00
Medicare/FICA	\$ 109,950.00	\$ 109,950.00
Police Accident and Fire Insurance	\$ 48,455.00	\$ 36,975.00
Insurance General Liability	\$ 123,805.00	\$ 122,775.00
Snow & Ice Deficit		
Prior Year Expenses		

Legal Settlement	\$ 9,166.00	\$ 9,166.00
Transfer to Article Lines (not debt)		
Transfer to Capital Fund		
Transfer to Stabilization		
Transfer - Group Dental Trust		
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,298,383.00	\$ 3,373,032.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 19,247,402.00	\$ 19,671,069.07

Other Articles - R&A		
Revenue	\$ 19,260,653.00	\$19,684,168.00
Difference (positive = Excess Levy Capacity)	\$17,351.00	\$13,722.93

Motion to amend General Government – reduce Reserve Fund to \$94,370.00. passed, unanimously.

Motion to increase the Animal Inspector Salary to \$600.00 and Animal Inspector Expense to \$24.00, passed, unanimously.

Motion as amended, passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: BETTERMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following amount from betterment collections for the purpose of the long term debt payment due in FY2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM :</u>
\$6,414.48	MWPAT Title V Septic Betterments
	<u>TO:</u>
	Long-Term Debt Principal-Community Septic Management Program

ARTICLE 14: Move to approve the article as printed.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chap., 40, Sec. 8J to establish a commission on disability. Said commission shall consist of not less than five nor more than thirteen members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: Move that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chap., 40, Sec. 8J to establish a commission on disability. Said commission shall consist of not less than five nor more than thirteen members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 16: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH TO STABILIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from available Free Cash to Stabilization; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 16: Move that the Town transfer the sum of \$25,000 from available Free Cash to Stabilization.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: TRANSFER FROM TRANSFER STATION WINDOW STICKER REVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue account to Landfill Monitoring/Maintenance Account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of engineering for the facility building; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 17: Move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue account to Landfill Monitoring/Maintenance Account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of engineering for the facility building.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of \$73,128.00 for the short term borrowing costs for the Fire Department Ambulance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 18: Move that the Town transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of \$73,128.00 for the short term borrowing costs for the Fire Department Ambulance.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: TRANSFER FROM THE AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of one Ventilator and 2 IV Infusion Pumps for use in the Ambulance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 19: Move that the Town transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of one Ventilator and 2 IV Infusion Pumps for use in the Ambulance.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: POLICE DEPT. RADIO LEASE

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$11,000.00 for the 2nd year payment on a 5-year lease for 10 Portable Radios; or take any other action relative thereto

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 20: Move that the Town transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$11,000 for the 2nd year payment on a 5-year lease for 10 Portable Radios.

2/3rds Vote Required

Motion to amend by changing Stabilization to Free Cash. Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion as amended passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: Capital Plan FY18 Borrowing

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$171,200 for the following Capital Projects and to meet such appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with approval of the Select Board, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sec. 7, or any other enabling authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

2018 Fully Equipped Ford Police Cruiser	44,500.00
Police Dept. computers, software & Technology upgrades	5,000.00
Fire Dept. Thermal Imaging Camera	9,000.00
3 Sets of Fire Fighting Personal Protective Clothing	9,000.00
Highway Dam Repair	10,000.00
Highway F550 Truck, sander & Plow	91,000.00
Town Clerk Records Storage	<u>2,700.00</u>
	\$171,200.00

2/3rds Vote Required

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 21: Move the article as printed.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: CONFLICT OF INTEREST – MEMBER OF MUNICIPAL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.268A §21A to appoint Richard P. Sheridan to serve on the Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: Move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.268A §21A to appoint Richard P. Sheridan to serve on the Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC).

Motion passed, 39 in favor, 33 opposed, 7 abstained.

ARTICLE 23: CONFLICT OF INTEREST – MEMBER OF MUNICIPAL BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.268A §21A to appoint Richard P. Sheridan to serve on the Planning Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: Move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. c.268A §21A to appoint Richard P. Sheridan to serve on the Planning Board.

Motion to pass over this article, failed.

Motion failed.

ARTICLE 24: SEWER BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Sewer Enterprise Fund and/or borrow in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, s7(7) the sum of \$892,000.00 for the purpose of procuring construction grade plans and specifications for the upgrade of the wastewater treatment facility, or take any other action relative thereto.

*2/3rds Vote Required
Recommended by Finance Committee*

ARTICLE 24: Move that the Town appropriate from the Sewer Enterprise Fund and/or borrow in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, s7(7) the sum of \$892,000.00 for the purpose of procuring construction grade plans and specifications for the upgrade of the wastewater treatment facility.

Motion passed, by the required 2/3.

ARTICLE 25: TRANSFER FROM SEWER ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$38,992 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for plans and specifications for construction of North Main Street sewer replacement project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 25: Move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$38,992 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for plans and specifications for construction of North Main Street sewer replacement project.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 26: TRANSFER FROM WATER ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to fund the Aging Main Replacement Project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 26: Move that the Town transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to fund the Aging Main Replacement Project.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 27: CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$27,000 from Cemetery Sale of Lots for completion of the picket fence and related work at West Orange Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 27: Move that the Town transfer the sum of \$27,000 from Cemetery Sale of Lots for completion of the picket fence and related work at West Orange Cemetery.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 28: LAND ACQUISITION FOR MUNICIPAL PARKING AT OIC

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire, a parcel of land situated at 126 West Main Street, Orange, MA 01364, now or formerly owned by John Dunphy, of 52 Orchard Street, Greenfield, MA 01301, or his assigns, heirs or devisees, for public parking lot purposes, said land more particularly described as Parcel 95 on Assessors Map 108, more particularly described as follows:

The land in Orange, situate on the northerly side of West Main Street, bounded and described as follows – (together with the buildings thereon):

Beginning at the southeast corner of the granted premises, thence running westerly in line of said West Main Street about three hundred (300) feet, more or less, to a corner at Lot #24 on Dexter's Plan of Survey;

Thence northerly on said Lot #24 one hundred sixty (160) feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Charles W. Lyman;

Thence S 68° E on said Lyman land and land now or formerly of Curtis Gammons two hundred thirty-one (231) feet, more or less;

Thence southerly ninety-five (95) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Subject to the right of way across the easterly side of said tract as it is now used.

Being the same premises conveyed to Harry W. Stevens and Laura G. Stevens, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety by deed of Garland C. Lamere and Kiara Lamere, dated May 19, 1959 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 1088, page 104;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 28: Move the article as printed.

Move to amend the article by striking the last paragraph and inserting MEANING and INTENDING to convey the same premises conveyed to John Dunphy by deed of Jay R. Stevens, dated October 6, 2014, and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 6593, Page 68. Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion as amended passed, unanimously.

Special Town Meeting Warrant
October 26, 2017

ARTICLE 1: ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to accept the Annual Town Report as printed.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: PRIOR YEAR BILL

To see if the Town will vote to pay Athol Daily News, the sum of \$120.00 from the Selectmen Expenses in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriations to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years; or take any other action relative thereto.

9/10th vote required

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to transfer the sum of \$120.00 from Selectmen Expenses to pay a prior year bill for the Athol Daily News.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: TREE WARDEN TO BECOME APPOINTED

To see if the Town will vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed officer with the appointment beginning at the election on March 5, 2018, which is the expiration of the current Tree Warden's term; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to have the elected Tree Warden become an appointed officer with the appointment beginning at the election on March 5, 2018, which is the expiration of the current Tree Warden's term.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: PLANNING BOARD – INCREASE MEMBERS

To see if the Town will vote to increase the appointed members on the Planning Board from six (6) to seven (7). Said additional member to be appointed to an initial three (3) year term; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to increase the appointed members on the Planning Board from six (6) to seven (7). Said additional member to be appointed to an initial three (3) year term.

Motion to amend to a five year term. Motion passed, unanimously.
Motion as amended passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: RESCIND BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorizations from prior town meetings:
STM 11/04/2010 – Article 6 Sewer Roof Repair – rescind \$90,000
STM 12/19/2013 – Article 1 Butterfield Park – rescind \$300,000
STM 12/05/2014 – Article 6 – Wheeler Loader Lease – rescind \$40,000;
or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to rescind the borrowing as printed.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: STREET LIGHTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000 for the FY18 Street Light Expense; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the FY18 Street Light Expense.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: ARMORY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$7,000 from Free Cash to the Armory Clean-up Account for the purpose of completing the clean-up of the "Gun Range" room at the Armory; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to transfer the sum of \$7,000 from Free Cash to the Armory Clean-up Account for the purpose of completing the clean-up of the "Gun Range" room at the Armory.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: WORKERS COMPENSATION TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6400 from Franklin Regional Retirement Assessment to Workers Compensation due to an unanticipated FY18 premium adjustment; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to transfer \$6400 from Franklin Regional Retirement Assessment to Workers Compensation due to an unanticipated FY18 premium adjustment.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: RESCIND CIVIL SERVICE VOTE

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken on March 4, 1929, Article 26 accepting Section 37 of Chapter 19 Revised Laws placing the Police Department under Civil Service Regulations; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to rescind the vote taken on March 4, 1929, Article 26 accepting Section 37 of Chapter 19 Revised Laws placing the Police Department under Civil Service Regulations.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: SEWER BUDGET REDUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to adjust Art 9 WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund of the June 19, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by reducing Revenue User Charges by \$60,000 and reducing Expense Capital Outlay by \$60,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to adjust Art 9 WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund of the June 19, 2017 Annual Town Meeting by reducing Revenue User Charges by \$60,000 and reducing Expense Capital Outlay by \$60,000.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: SCHOOL BUILDING FEASIBILITY STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for a feasibility study/schematic design for the Dexter Park School, 3 Dexter Park Extension, Orange, MA, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rd vote required

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion that the Town of Orange appropriate the amount of eight hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$875,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study/schematic design for the Dexter Park School, 3 Dexter Park Extension, Orange, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town of Orange may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town of Orange acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town of Orange incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Orange, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Orange and the MSBA.

Motion passed by required 2/3, 185 in favor, 14 opposed.

ARTICLE 12: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Water Department Retained Earnings for the replacement of the Water Department service vehicle #1 Utility Truck in accordance with its FY2018 Capital Improvement Plan; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Water Department Retained Earnings for the replacement of the Water Department service vehicle #1 Utility Truck in accordance with its FY2018 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to fund recoating the exterior surfaces of the water storage tanks and install fall protection apparatus in accordance with its FY2018 Capital Improvement Plan; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to fund recoating the exterior surfaces of the water storage tanks and install fall protection apparatus in accordance with its FY2018 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from the Water Department Retained Earnings to Water Articles for continued testing of wells associated with the search for an emergency drinking water source to back up the Town’s current sources in accordance with its FY2018 Capital Improvement Plan; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from the Water Department Retained Earnings to Water Articles for continued testing of wells associated with the search for an emergency drinking water source to back up the Town’s current sources in accordance with its FY2018 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$27,500 from Water Articles, main replacement in the Hayden Street area, to Water Articles, which is “Aging Main Replacement” in any area as voted at the ATM, June 20, 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to transfer the sum of \$27,500 from Water Articles, main replacement in the Hayden Street area, to Water Articles, which is “Aging Main Replacement” in any area as voted at the ATM, June 20, 2017.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 16: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Water Department Retained Earnings to Water Articles, “Aging Main Replacement”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Water Department Retained Earnings to Water Articles, “Aging Main Replacement”.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS’ MEMORIALS

To see if the Town will vote to approve petitioning the Legislature for an Act relative to representation on the Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials in the Town of Orange. Notwithstanding section 105 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Orange may appoint a designee to represent said Chairman on the board of Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to approve petitioning the Legislature for an Act relative to representation on the Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials in the Town of Orange. Notwithstanding section 105 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Orange may appoint a designee to represent said Chairman on the board of Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: FIRE DEPARTMENT PRIOR YEAR BILL

To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,765.09 from Fire Department Expense to pay prior year bills to AEIOU/Physician's Choice for \$2,500.00 and Athol Hospital for \$265.09 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years; or take any other action relative thereto.

9/10th vote required
Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to transfer the sum of \$2,765.09 from Fire Department Expense to pay prior year bills to AEIOU/Physician's Choice for \$2,500.00 and Athol Hospital for \$265.09 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: EASEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept for no consideration a permanent easement over a portion of land located at 131 West Main Street, Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts owned by John Dunphy, more particularly described as a portion of the land on Assessor's Map 108, parcel 59 for general municipal purposes and for ingress and egress over said parcel and for construction and/or repairing the parking lot located thereon; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to authorize the Select Board to accept for no consideration a permanent easement over a portion of land located at 131 West Main Street, Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts owned by John Dunphy, more particularly described as a portion of the land on Assessor's Map 108, parcel 59 for general municipal purposes and for ingress and egress over said parcel and for construction and/or repairing the parking lot located thereon.

Motion passed, by the required 2/3.

ARTICLE 20: PILOT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a payments in lieu of tax agreement ("PILOT") pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H (b), and Chapter 164. Section 1, or any other enabling authority between the Town and Clean Capital Solar, LLC or its successors or assigns, for personal property attributable to solar photovoltaic facilities to be installed and operated in the Town of Orange on land located at 41 Evergreen Road and as shown on Assessor's Map 221, Parcel 44 for a term of up to 25 years and on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a payments in lieu of tax agreement ("PILOT") pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H (b), and Chapter 164. Section 1, or any other enabling authority between the Town and Clean Capital Solar, LLC or its successors or assigns, for personal property attributable to solar photovoltaic facilities to be installed and operated in the Town of Orange on land located at 41 Evergreen Road and as shown on Assessor's Map 221, Parcel 44 for a term of up to 25 years and on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: STRETCH CODE BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to enact the "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2018, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to enact the "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2018, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: FIVE MEMBER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of sections two and seven of chapter forty-one of the General Laws, to increase the number of members to be elected to the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members, by electing three members at the next

town election, one for two years, and two for three years, to serve for terms of three years each, so arranged that as nearly an equal number of such terms as is possible shall expire each year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to vote in accordance with the provisions of sections two and seven of chapter forty-one of the General Laws, to increase the number of members to be elected to the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members, by electing three members at the next town election, one for two years, and two for three years, to serve for terms of three years each, so arranged that as nearly an equal number of such terms as is possible shall expire each year.

Motion to move the question. Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ACCOUNTANT

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I submit my report as Town Accountant for Fiscal Year 2017

CASH RECEIPTS (NET)

TAXES		
Personal Property	274,833	Meals Tax 51,124
Real Estate	10,137,551	Motel Tax 17,233
Tax Liens Redeemed	142,882	Interest on Taxes & Liens 173,046
Motor Vehicle Excise	720,259	Betterments 9,097
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	8,751	Rollback Taxes 2,477
Sub-Total		11,537,253

LOCAL RECEIPTS

Ambulance	574,866	Fees & Permits	
Airport Rentals	91,559	Selectboard	22,485
Armory Rentals	9,430	Building Permits	48,683
Cemetery Burials	21,100	Electrical Permits	20,585
Court Fines	16,623	Fire Dept Permits	7,585
Fines - Other	1,370	Police Outside Detail (10%)	4,608
Landfill - Trash Bags	101,038	Town Clerk Fees	9,205
Landfill - Other Charges	32,419	Town Collector Fees	23,746
Trailer Payments	26,544	Other	4,260
Sub-Total			1,016,106

STATE CHERRY SHEET

Chapter 70 State Ed. Aid	5,222,159	Pupil Transportation(Smith Vocational)	9,734
Charter School Tuition Reimb	9,575	State Owned Land	55,663
Abatements to Elderly, Veterans & Blind	36,608	Veterans Benefits	135,946
		Unrestricted Gen State Aid	1,553,879
Sub-Total			7,023,564

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Earnings on Investments	9,078	Misc Receipts - Anticipated	7,936
SPED-Medicaid	99,517	Misc Receipts - Unanticipated	52,292
Sub-Total			168,823

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

Transfers from Special Revenue		From Sewer Enterprise Fund	91,256
Per Town Meeting Votes	55,322	From Water Enterprise Fund	111,301
Sub-Total			257,879

SPECIAL REVENUE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT & CAFETERIA

Cafeteria	384,011	Gifts & Miscellaneous Revenue	11,533
Educational Grants - Federal	459,326	School Choice	402,637
Educational Grants - State	74,430	Circuit Breaker	77,406
Sub-Total			1,409,343

SPECIAL REVENUE TOWN DEPARTMENTS			
Airport Gas Revolving	136,138	Insurance Reimbursement &	24,585
Airport Grants	52,298	Restitution	
Ambulance 10% Transfer From General Fund	64,681	K-9 Wyncote Foundation Gift	59,205
Board of Health Revolving	30,573	Landfill Revolving	34,594
Cemetery - Sale of Lots Revenue	10,835	Landfill - Recycling Grant	3,550
Community Development	97,430	Library	13,027
Council on Aging	29,060	Planning Reviews	8,000
Cultural Council	5,205	Police - Mahar School Officer	52,442
Distressed Properties Grant	27,500	Police - Other Revenue	11,121
Dog Officer Revolving	17,642	Pocket Park Gifts	16,158
Extended Polling Hours Grant	1,312	Recentering Around the River Grant	26,190
Fire Dept	12,978	Septic Betterments	3,453
Highway Chapter 90	190,367	Trustees of Soldiers Memorial Grant	6,464
Housing Rehab Revolving Loan Payments	32,072	Other Revenue	7,691
Inspector Revolving	11,740		
		Sub-Total	986,311
CASH RECEIPTS (NET)			
CAPITOL PROJECTS			
Transfer from General Fund for Butterfield Park	71,500	Transfer from General Fund for Police Cruiser	45,219
		Sub-Total	116,719
WATER DEPARTMENT			
Water Usage Fees	728,326	Water Point Land Acquisition	138,947
Water Investment Earnings	2,893	Water Misc Revenue	11,677
Water Liens	2,460	Water System Development	4,000
Water Interest Charges	3,107		
		Sub-Total	891,410
SEWER DEPARTMENT			
Sewer Usage Fees	583,746	Sewer Interest Charges	7,724
Sewer Investment Earnings	688	Sewer Misc Revenue	100
Sewer Liens	52,464		
		Sub-Total	644,722
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS			
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	6,952	Moore-Leland - Library	3,855
Cemetery Perpetual Care Transfer	350	Other - Library	4,939
Mann Interest	744	Stabilization Interest	3,152
Rugg Interest	365	Stabilization Transfer	75,000
Bassett Trust - Fire	408	Capital Stabilization Point Sales	76,166
Bassett Trust - Police	2,408	Conservation Interest	171
Cemetery Interest	741	Goddard Charity Interest	1,663
Parks Interest	280	Dental Trust Fund	45,124
Bartolomei - Library	8,065	Fund	
		Sub-Total	230,383
AGENCY FUNDS			
Advertising Notices	254	Pistol Permits Due State	6,775
Cable Due to Time Warner	53,217	Public Safety Outside Detail	149,152
Deputy Collector Fees	11,384	Tax Title Certificate of Redemption	1,085
		Recycling Bins	90
		Sub-Total	221,957
TOTAL RECEIPTS			24,504,470

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Selectmen		3,439	3,439
Selectmen - Landfill Maintenance & Monitoring		6,013	6,013
Town Administrator	69,612	807	70,419
Administrator Coordinator	49,320		49,320
Finance Committee		176	176
Town Accountant	78,806	1,376	80,182
Audit		25,000	25,000
Assessors	25,775	40,607	66,382
Treasurer	78,562	20,205	98,767
Collector	64,789	11,237	76,026
Legal		45,347	45,347
HR Board		200	200
Software Maintenance		11,524	11,524
General Offices		47,941	47,941
Town Clerk	46,152	2,913	49,065
Registrar's	5,253	16,688	21,941
Conservation Commission		207	207
Planning Board	55,895	150	56,045
Town Hall Maintenance		36,912	36,912
Town Reports		180	180
Armory		39,916	39,916
		Sub-Total	785,002
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Chief	94,720		94,720
Police Dept	835,643	86,608	922,251
Police Radios Leases		10,267	10,267
Fire Chief	103,934		103,934
Fire Dept	725,000	239,465	964,465
Fire Gear		73,333	73,333
Fire EMPG Matching Grant		1,016	1,016
Building Inspector	36,197	3,163	39,360
Electrical Inspector	27,587		27,587
Animal Inspector	600		600
Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500		2,500
Regional Animal Control		15,000	15,000
Tree Dept		7,875	7,875
		Sub-Total	2,262,908
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			
General - Elementary School	2,571,436	1,133,175	3,704,611
SPED - Elementary School	1,475,991	827,605	2,303,596
Mahar Regional School Assessment		3,789,249	3,789,249
Franklin County Tech School Assessment		606,729	606,729
Smith Vocational Tuition		34,000	34,000
Pupil Transportation - Smith Vocational		16,800	16,800
		Sub-Total	10,454,985

PUBLIC WORKS			
Public Works Interim Superintendent	66,421		66,421
Highway	324,650	221,928	546,578
Snow & Ice	46,152	270,207	316,359
Street Lights		32,210	32,210
Sanitation	93,259	96,677	189,936
FR City Solid Waste Assessment		19,689	19,689
Airport	95,427	28,562	123,989
Airport - Reconstruction Project		2,752	2,752
		Sub-Total	1,297,934
HUMAN SERVICES			
Board of Health	57,232		57,232
Council on Aging	26,823	2,451	29,274
Veteran Services		22,787	22,787
Veteran Benefits		107,861	107,861
		Sub-Total	217,154
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
CULTURE & RECREATION			
Library Director	57,738		57,738
Library	144,457	86,328	230,785
		Sub-Total	288,523
DEBT SERVICE			
Long Term Debt Principal		338,204	338,204
Mahar Regional School Debt		194,440	194,440
Long Term Interest		96,462	96,462
Short Term Interest		1,026	1,026
		Sub-Total	630,132
STATE & COUNTY ASSMENTS			
Motor Vehicle Non Renewals		12,760	12,760
Air Pollution Control		1,830	1,830
School Choice/Charter		461,649	461,649
FRTA		22,427	22,427
Franklin Regional Council of Governments		35,185	35,185
		Sub-Total	533,851
MISCELLANEOUS			
Retirement Assessment		895,582	895,582
Workers Comp Insurance		68,632	68,632
Unemployment Insurance		20,784	20,784
Health/Dental Insurance		1,899,056	1,899,056
Medicare		109,913	109,913
Police & Fire Accident Insurance		48,455	48,455
Town General Liability Insurance		119,688	119,688
Transfer to Non Town Group		8,499	8,499
Transfer to Stabilization		75,000	75,000
Transfer to Capital		116,719	116,719
		Sub-Total	3,362,328
SPECIAL REVENUE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT & CAFETERIA			
Cafeteria	188,660	180,013	368,673
Educational Grants - Federal	477,977	60,360	538,337
Educational Grants - State	84,035	1,928	85,963
Gifts & Miscellaneous Revenue	6,652	6,451	13,103
School Choice	443,749		443,749
Circuit Breaker		41,893	41,893
		Sub-Total	1,491,718

SPECIAL REVENUE TOWN DEPARTMENTS			
Airport Gas Revolving		83,375	83,375
Airport Transfer to Runway Project		43,383	43,383
Airport Grants	49,545		49,545
Board of Health Revolving		18,309	18,309
Community Development Grants		97,049	97,049
Council on Aging	16,012	13,548	29,560
Cultural Council		3,959	3,959
Distressed Properties Grant	17,777	2,000	19,777
Dog Officer Revolving		14,622	14,622
Election Grant	2,600	5,370	7,970
Fire Dept Gifts		2,295	2,295
Fire Dept Grants	4,601	7,098	11,699
Highway Chapter 90		264,895	264,895
Inspector Revolving	15,976	196	16,172
Insurance Reimbursement		13,906	13,906
Landfill Revolving		9,225	9,225
Landfill Revolving Transfers to General Fund		8,277	8,277
Landfill Recycling Grant		2,647	2,647
Library		5,099	5,099
Library MBLC Planning & Design Grant		49,840	49,840
Planning Board - Honey Farms		7,250	7,250
Police - Mahar School Officer	56,914		56,914
Police - Other Revenue	15,548	3,502	19,050
Septic MW PAT Transfer to General Fund		6,414	6,414
Soldiers Memorial		2,980	2,980
Other Expenses	400	2,588	2,988
		Sub-Total	847,200

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
CAPITOL PROJECTS			
Ambulance		283,000	283,000
Fire Diesel Crew Cab With Plow		55,000	55,000
Equipment Purchases		6,982	6,982
Police Station Alterations		6,376	6,376
Police Cruiser		45,219	45,219
Public Works High Pressure Drain Cleaner		59,839	59,839
		Sub-Total	456,416

WATER DEPARTMENT			
Expenses	227,569	169,020	396,589
Indirect Costs		111,301	111,301
Tully Water		29,500	29,500
Capitol Projects & Infrastructure		550,896	550,896
Reserves			3,868
		Sub-Total	1,092,154

SEWER DEPARTMENT			
Expenses	183,311	252,002	435,313
Indirect Costs		91,256	91,256
Debt - Principle		79,552	79,552
Debt - Interest		21,726	21,726
Capitol Outlay		6,847	6,847
Reserves		854	854
		Sub-Total	635,548

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		
Bassett Trust - Fire	387	387
Bassett Trust - Police	3,803	3,803
Bartolomei - Library	6	6
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,304	1,304
Moore-Leland - Library	4,390	4,390
Dental Trust Fund	20,476	20,476
Peace Statute	750	750
	Sub-Total	31,116
AGENCY FUNDS		
Advertising Notices	48	48
Cable Due to Time Warner	53,217	53,217
Custodial Fees - School	397	397
Deputy Collector Fees	11,384	11,384
Pistol Permits Due State	7,625	7,625
Public Safety Outside Detail	179,658	179,658
Recycling Bins	45	45
	Sub-Total	252,374
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		24,639,343

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORANGE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Airport Commission

The Orange Airport Commission has a full and diverse five-member board with two pilots and three non-pilots. The airport commissioners support and promote aviation, as well as non-aviation activities at the airport. Orange Youth Soccer, Athol Mahar Youth Sports, North Quabbin Dog Park, Yankee Engine-uity Show (Last weekend in June), and Celebrate the Harvest Festival (Columbus Day Weekend) have all found a home at the Orange Airport. The Airport Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend the airport meetings.

Fiscal Year 2017

Airport revenues are deposited into separate accounts. Committed revenues such as those derived from airport rentals, leases, user fees, and property taxes, are deposited to the town's General Fund. Revenues generated from the sale of aviation fuel are deposited to the airport's Revolving Fund which is used to purchase aviation fuel for resale, and to fund the town's share of state and federal airport improvement grants. In FY17 the airport generated:

- \$136,233 in aviation fuel sales (up 42% over previous year)
- \$91,559 in rentals, leases, and user fees (up 8%)
- \$43,003 in property tax revenue (up 41%)

Total FY17 direct operating costs from the town's General Fund was \$115,392. Total FY17 revenue deposited to the town's General Fund was \$134,562. Airport revenues to the town's General Fund exceeded its direct operating costs from the General Fund by \$19,170 (up 667% over previous year). Such dramatic increases to airport revenue is the direct result of expanded operations and new growth attracted to the airport by recent airport improvements.

Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

Under the federal AIP the Town of Orange is eligible for financial assistance to undertake large-scale airport improvement projects. Typical AIP funding breakdown is 90% federal, 5% state, and 5% local share. The FAA generally considers the local share match, a good-faith effort made by a city or town as a show of support for their airport. Orange is unique among Massachusetts cities and towns due to the fact that it is the airport, rather than the town, that provides the local share funds to secure state and federal grants. Since 1992 the airport has spent \$380,825 on local share, which has allowed us to leverage \$12.9 million in state and federal grants. These funds were then used to complete 28 major airport improvement projects designed to improve airport infrastructure, attract new growth, and enhance economic development opportunities for the town.

Airport Tenants

There are currently 34 hangars, 5 businesses, and 76 aircraft based at the airport. Interestingly, of the many tenants at the airport just a few are from the local area. Most are from other parts of the state, and several from out-of-state. The airport has tenants from all over New England and as far away as Pennsylvania. These airport tenants have all made substantial investments in our community. Although they do not live here, they travel to and from town regularly, spend money locally, pay property taxes (43K annually), and require virtually no services from the town. Ideal residents from an economic standpoint!

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

In 2017 the airport completed the Design-Only phase of the Taxiway Delta Reconstruction Project. Taxiway Delta is the only original airport pavement remaining from 1942. All other airport surfaces have been reconstructed. The 76 year old pavement has long exceeded its useful life and has begun to fail under constant use. The reconstruction of this taxiway will also open up an additional 4.8 acres of airport property for development, of which 4,200 square feet is already under contract for the construction of a new corporate hangar. The taxiway reconstruction will begin in August. The total project cost is \$2,032,000.

Additional FY18 AIP Projects designed to enhance airport safety and efficiency include:

- Airspace Obstruction Analysis Project - total project cost \$230,000
- Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Management Plan - total project cost \$105,000

Economic Impact

The reason the state and federal government has made these investments, and is committed to future investments in the Orange Airport, is due to the proven economic benefit of general aviation airports. Investing in airports is widely considered to be the best investment a region can make for its own economic future. Access to local air transportation is cited as one of the single most important considerations by businesses nationwide. Three out of every five businesses make use of general aviation airports like ours. In 2014 the MassDOT released their Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study summarizing the significant economic benefit that Massachusetts derives each year from its 39 public use airports. That study credits the Orange Municipal Airport with a \$13.9 million annual economic impact on our region.

Respectfully submitted,
Len Bedaw, Airport Manager

ORANGE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the valuation of real estate and personal property subject to taxation. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is responsible for motor vehicle valuations and supplies the data for excise bills. Assessed values for Real and Personal Property are based on "full and fair cash value" as of the January 1st preceding each fiscal year.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any assessing issues, please feel free to contact Andrea Gale, Administrative Assessor, at 978-544-1100 x108 or by email at assessors@townoforange.org. Office hours are from Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Friday 9 AM to 12 PM. Wednesday evenings 4:00 PM to 8:00. Closed Fridays.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Assessors

Brenda Piro, Chairman
Cynthia Brown, Member
Richard Herk, Member

Harald M. Scheid – Regional Tax Assessor
Joshua Gendron –Regional Associate Assessor
Andrea Gale –Administrative Assessor

Fiscal 2017 Assessments and Revenues by Major Property Class

Property Class	Levy Percent	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	78.7953%	394,577,705	21.23	8,376,884.68
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	9.6754%	48,450,817	21.23	1,028,610.84
Industrial	8.9270%	44,703,250	21.23	949,050.00
Personal Property	2.6023%	13,031,280	21.23	276,654.07
TOTALS	100.0000	500,763,052	21.23	10,631,199.59

Valuation and Tax History

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate	Total Valuation	Accounts	Tax Levy	Change (%)
2017	21.23	500,763,052	3,469	10,631,199.59	3.56%
2016	21.70	473,091,024	3,470	10,266,075.22	3.95%
2015	20.77	475,479,370	3,488	9,875,706.51	5.10%
2014	19.74	476,028,321	3,486	9,396,799.06	4.52%
2013	18.80	478,232,407	3,487	8,990,769.25	3.01%
2012	17.69	493,398,690	3,488	8,728,222.83	3.13%
2011	16.58	510,465,881	3,488	8,463,524.31	15.00%

Fiscal Year 2017 Abstract of Assessments

Property Class Code/Description	Accts	Class Valuation	Avg. Value
012 – 043 Mixed Use Properties	51	19,789,818	388,036
101 Residential Single Family	2081	305,110,400	146,617
102 Residential Condominiums	51	6,262,100	122,786
104 Residential Two Family	159	18,305,300	115,128
105 Residential Three Family	33	4,145,300	125,615
Miscellaneous Residential	129	15,555,200	120,583
111 – 125 Apartments	38	15,373,100	404,555
130 – 132, 106 Vacant Land	503	16,507,700	32,819
300 – 393 Commercial	164	40,029,200	244,081
400 – 452 Industrial	43	43,341,400	1,007,940
501 – 508 Personal Property	50	14,543,980	290,880
600 – 821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	157	944,474	6,016
TOTALS	3,459	499,907,972	144,524

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Assessor's Account for Exemptions and Abatements

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2013</u>
Assessor's Overlay	143,223.84	123,848.09	126,628.51	123,108.94	125,973.00
Overlay Deficits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges to 6/30/2016	87,234.43	67,886.76	92,198.81	100,642.94	89,266.00
Potential Liability	0.00	87,813.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance	55,989.41	-31,852.06	34,429.70	22,466	36,707

New Growth Revenue

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Added Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>New Revenues</u>	<u>Change (%)</u>
2017	4,578,750	21.70	99,360	19.06%
2016	4,018,106	20.77	83,456	-69.61%
2015	13,911,230	19.74	274,607	28.69%
2014	11,349,998	18.80	213,380	181.86%
2013	4,279,520	17.69	75,705	23.47%



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Office of the
Inspector of Buildings

2017 ANNUAL REPORT BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Orange:

I hereby submit my First Annual Report of the Building Department.

The following are the statistics for the department for January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The estimated value of the building construction in Orange during 2017 was \$4,023,863.47. There was a total of \$78,268.36 expended to fund the building department. A total of \$60,650.30 was collected in fees or 90% of the cost of operation.

The following is a list of permits issued during the year.

Building Inspector

223 Permits Issued
\$4,023,863.47 Value of Construction
\$33,704.30 Collected in permit fees

Electric Inspector

185 Permits Issued
\$ 0 Not provided by applicants
\$16,396.00 Collected in fees

Plumbing Inspector

51 Permits Issued
\$0 Not provided by applicants
\$7,890.00 Collected in permit fees

Gas Inspector

39 Permits Issued
\$0 Not provided by applicants
\$2,660.00 Collected in permit fees

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Harris
Inspector of Buildings

Mission Statement

To: Promote the safe and compatible development of the community through fair and consistent enforcement of codes and zoning ordinances

The Town of Orange is an equal opportunity provider



Board of Health

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Board of Health Annual Report 2017

Background

The Orange Board of Health staffs one full time Health Director, Andrea Crete and one part time Administrative Assistant, Tammy-Lynn Chace who was hired on May 2, 2017. The Board of Health provides services to the Town of Orange including but not limited to communicable and reportable disease surveillance via an online epidemiological network (MAVEN), public health investigations, public health messaging, 24-7 public health emergency response, seasonal flu vaccination clinics, tobacco control, substance abuse prevention programs, State mandated public health inspections and complaint management. The Board of Health meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6PM in the Board of Health Office located at 135 East Main Street in the Armory Building.

The report below details the services the Orange Board of Health provided to the Town of Orange for the 2017 calendar year. Please contact the Orange Board of Health with any questions, comments, requests for additional information, and to relay any specific public health concerns in Orange. Please visit the Board of Health website for any public health related topics, resources, and Board of Health applications.

Leominster Tobacco Control Alliance

Joan Hamlett is director of the Central Massachusetts Boards of Health Tobacco Control Alliance representing 34 communities including the Town of Orange. Other inspectional staff in the Alliance includes Rick Saudelli, Lisa Parker, and Eric Jack.

The Alliance assists the Local Boards of Health in the 34 communities in drafting local tobacco control regulations and is responsible for conducting youth access to tobacco compliance checks and point-of-purchase audits of all tobacco retail facilities. These inspections ensure retailers are in compliance with State and local regulations surrounding tobacco and to ensure staff is not selling tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18 years. The Alliance also responds to complaints related to the smoke free workplace laws.

Massachusetts Law prohibits the sale of any tobacco products to those under the age of 18 years as discussed in M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 6. The Federal Synar Amendment requires all states to conduct random, unannounced compliance checks with local retailers where underage youth may attempt to purchase tobacco. There is a direct correlation between the rates of youth access and the funding of programs that educate retailers and enforce the law.

The Orange Board of Health permits 11 retail establishments to sell tobacco products. The Board of Health has tobacco control regulations protecting people in the work place and public

places as well regulations for retail establishments in order to reduce the selling of tobacco to youth. A copy of these regulations can be found on the Board of Health website.

Below is a breakdown of the work and inspections the Leominster Tobacco Control Alliance has done for the Town of Orange Board of Health for 2016.

Youth Access:

Number of Inspections	1
Number of Store Inspections	11*
Number of Violations	0

Leominster Tobacco Control Alliance conducted a cigar compliance check in June and 100% compliance. Orange was not selected for the Synar Cigarette Check for the 2016 Calendar year. We were notified in December that one Orange retailer sold tobacco to a minor in an FDA inspection. That retailer has been added to our repeat violator/compliant list, which allows us to do additional compliance checks based on complaint.

Retailer Inspections:

Number of Inspections	2
Number of Store Inspections	24*
Number of Violations	1
Number of Warnings	1

Merchant Education packets, New Orange Flavor Regulations, Restricted Flavor Guide and Under 27 materials, Attorney General Memo on new regulations, and DOR application instructions will delivered to each merchant to assist in training their employees not to sell to minors as part of full retail education inspection. One Retailer was missing a required cigar sign and the issue was corrected on the spot. An additional retail visit inspection occurred in September to ensure all retailers in Orange were in Compliance with new flavor restrictions.

Smoke-Free Workplace Law or Secondhand smoke Inspections:

Number of complaints requiring Inspections:	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondhand smoke migration outside of town hall entrance, which resulted in an employee notice and sign posting. No more reports of non-compliance.• Smoking in an office of a storage company, non-compliance was determined, a warning and signs given. Compliance upon re-inspection with no more reports of violation.• Employee smoking in a convenience store, non-compliance was determined, re-inspection determined non-compliance. A fine was issued and paid.	

Pricing Survey

Number of Inspections:	11
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*Every store gets checked once per fiscal year for pricing survey. DPH/MTCP selects which stores to inspect for each quarter.

OTHER:

- 9 Orange residents were referred to www.makesmokinghistory.org for cessation resources.
- 2 Landlord/Tenants were referred to www.makesmokinghistory.org for information on smoking-free housing after determining that their issues were not a violation of the Smoke-free Workplace Law.
- During a pricing survey, a retailer was found to carry small amount of Backwoods product that is on the restricted list. Retailer removed the product immediately and was compliant upon re-inspection.

Substance Abuse Prevention

The North Quabbin Community Coalition (NQCC) Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force is the largest task force this year. It serves as a local communication hub for all involved in the epidemic of heroin and opioid use. This group includes members from the MOAPC Grant serving Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner and Athol as well as members of the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and NQ. The group also includes representatives from the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, both area school districts, law enforcement, treatment providers, community and state agencies as well as community members.

This year NQCC's Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force held its 7th National Night Out Event with sites in Orange, Athol and Petersham. They had well over 500 visitors between the sites and huge participation from their friends in law enforcement. Including but not limited to Chief Lundgren in the dunk tank at Butterfield Park!

The Task Force continues their work as well to promote the North Quabbin as a community that cares, and supports both prevention and long term recovery. They, in collaboration with The Franklin County Sheriff's Office and The Opioid Task Force have launched The North Quabbin Recovery Center. The center is sited at 416 Main St. in Athol and will serve all North Quabbin residents, both peers and allies. It is scheduled to officially open Spring 2018.

This task force is diverse and mighty and represents both Worcester County and Franklin to make sure those living and working in North Quabbin get the best resources both have to offer. In 2017 2 additional treatment facilities opened in our local area. Both have joined the task force to share updates and continue their strives to better serve our community.

Special thank you is given to the Orange Board of Health for their continued membership in the coalition, and all they do to support the overall wellness of Orange.

Please visit www.nqcc.org for more information.

Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force

- Meets the first Tuesday of every Month 10-11:30am
- Participates in River Rat Race Parade for pro-social messages, as well as prevention, treatment, and intervention

- Hosts and Coordinates National Night Out Event Petersham, Athol and Orange
- Distributes information for parents at Family Fun Day, Munch N' Move, The Big Read, and regularly from NQCC Office and Website
- Supports/Promotes Project Purple
- Brings together substance abuse prevention work and resources from both East and West, Luk INC., FRCOG, OTF of FC and NQ,
- Shares and informs practice across task forces and working groups
- Promotes/supports the training and use of Naloxone and Nasal Narcan
- Helps spread messages of District Attorney Dave Sullivan's Text-A-Tip and Quabbin Mediation's Active Bystanding Program

Region 2 Emergency Preparedness Coalition:

The Massachusetts Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition is comprised of 74 cities and towns throughout central Massachusetts and is responsible to facilitate and assist those communities with their Public Health emergency planning and preparedness.

Region 2 contains the largest number of communities and comprises the largest geographical land mass of the sixteen coalitions in the state. Established in 2004, each community appoints a representative to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee elects an Executive Committee that is responsible for the management and oversight of the coalition and its consultant staff. Staff includes a Program Coordinator, Program Consultants/Planners and a Training/Technical Consultant. The coalition is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention via the Massachusetts DPH. The host agency for the coalition is the City of Worcester.

The Town of Orange is served by the Region 2 PHEP Coalition. The Health Director Andrea Crete is the representative for Orange to the Steering Committee. This year the PHEP Coalition adapted their approach of how the planners serve each community, now each community has the opportunity to work with four planners on various different initiatives going on in the region. The planners are working on the following initiatives this year: Regional EDS Template, Staffing Initiative Project, SNS Drills, and Technology Equipment Trainer.

PHEP Accomplishments for Orange BOH include:

- Briefed the Health Director on current Budget Period Four (BP6) policies and deliverables.
- Conducted 3 Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) drills to meet the CDC deliverables requirement.
- Observed the recent Senior Center Flu Clinic set up and discussed revisions to Emergency Dispensing Site Flow for EDS plans.
- Assisted the Health Director in preparing a successful request for funds to cover Director cell phone service costs.
- Continued to update PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) plans and deliverables for the Orange BOH as changes are noted.

Communicable Disease

A crucial part of public health is disease surveillance, investigation, and intervention. The Orange Board of Health Director monitors the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Network (MAVEN) for the Town of Orange, and completes follow-up investigations on communicable and other reportable diseases. The Board of Health contracts with Athol Hospital to perform TB testing and direct-observation-therapy (DOT) on tuberculosis (TB) patients to ensure compliance. The types and numbers of disease reports in the Town of Orange are listed below.

Total number of MAVEN cases (including confirmed (C), contact (CT), probable (P), revoked (R), and suspect (S)): 81

- Campylobacteriosis: 1 (C)
- Group A Streptococcus: 6 (2C, 4R)
- Group B Streptococcus: 1 (C)
- Hepatitis C: 10 (4C, 1R, 5P)
- Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis: 3 (1C, 2S)
- Influenza: 41 (C)
- Legionellosis: 1 (C)
- Lyme Disease: 17 (S)
- Pertussis(And other Bordetella Species): 1 (R)

Flu Clinics

Every year the Orange Board of Health Director, who is also the Vaccine Manager for the Board of Health, spends time organizing, getting paperwork in place, and planning for seasonal flu clinics. The Board of Health relies on volunteers from the Wachusett Medical Reserved Corps to help staff these flu clinics when needed.

The State Department of Public Health allocates free flu vaccine to local public health departments every year. However this year restrictions on use of this vaccine were limited to children under the age of 19 years and un- insured individuals. Due to the restrictions on State vaccine usage, the Orange Board of Health used money from their revolving fund to pay for flu vaccine to vaccinate individuals over 19 years of age.

On October 16, 2017 a flu clinic was held at the Mahar Regional High School where 21 students were vaccinated. The Orange Board of Health held Flu clinics at the Armory on October 7, 2017 and November 11, 2017 from 8AM- 11AM open to anyone from the general public where a total of 67 people were vaccinated.

Sharps Disposal Mandate

Effective July 1, 2012, sharps, as well as unopened packages of hypodermic needles and lancets, shall not be disposed of in solid municipal waste, including household waste, and shall be collected and disposed of in accordance with 105 CMR 480. The Orange Board of Health Department is a drop off site to dispose of sharps, supplying sharps containers at no cost to residents to bring back when full. The Board of Health will not turn anyone away regardless of residency.

Community Improvement/Services:

River Rat Race- The Board of Health had a presence in the River Rat Race Parade. The Health Director Andrea Crete marched in the parade alongside the North Quabbin Substance Abuse Coalition to show support on behalf of the Board of Health for those recovering from substance abuse and addiction, and for families coping with loved ones.

Food Protection Manager Serv Safe Training- The Board of Health partnered with the Orange Senior Center to sponsor a Food Protection Manager Serv Safe training with Exam at the Armory on October 14, 2017. This training was provided by Bud Konn with HR Food Safe which saw 15 participants at the training.

Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Initiative- The Orange Board of Health is partnering with the Attorney General Office's Abandoned Housing Initiative to tackle residential abandoned/vacant housing in the Town of Orange. Many of these properties are in conditions of disrepair that make them unsafe, become an attractive nuisance to kids, vandalism, breaking and entering, squatters, and blight to the neighborhood. This initiative helps to bring these properties back into compliance thru enforcement and receivership. This is an ongoing project to increase property values in the community, prevent vandalism, decrease blight, and increase the overall image of housing in the Town.

For more information or to report a property you think is a candidate for this initiative, please contact the Orange Board of Health.

Electronic Payment System - In an effort to make business transactions easier and more convenient for some customers, the Orange Board of Health voted to be part of the Town's Electronic Payment System via Unipay Gold. Business transactions can be made on the Board of Health's website using the "Pay online for Applications" link. All Board of Health applications have been made available in PDF form on the Board of Health website as well.

Pre-Rental Housing Inspections Program- The Orange Board of Health has started offering pre- rental housing inspections for not just MRVP/Section 8 but for any rental property for a fee of \$75 per unit. The program services include a dwelling unit inspection in addition to common areas, a re- inspection (if required), and a certificate of fitness for human habitation for units in full compliance with the MA State Housing Code 105 CMR 410.000. Landlords or an authorized agent may request a pre- rental inspection prior to new tenants moving in or 30 days before the start of a lease agreement. There are many benefits to this program. Landlords benefit by receiving guidance on housing code requirements, documentation of the rental unit at the beginning of tenancy that can be utilized against illegal rent withholding and tenant damage to the unit, and marketable units to interested renters.

Tenants benefit by being provided with a legal, safe and sanitary dwelling unit, and receive education on their responsibilities and rights as a tenant.

This program also benefits the community by receiving proper care and maintenance of residential properties, promoting healthy homes that protect children, seniors and other occupants, and ensuring legal and proper use of the dwellings in accordance with zoning, building, and sanitary code requirements.

Applications for pre-rental inspections can be found online at the Board of Health website under the “Downloadable Forms and Applications” link. Pre-rental inspections can be scheduled with the Health Director Andrea Crete by calling 978-544-1107.

Public Health Inspections:

Local public health authorities are mandated through federal and State law to enforce codes, regulations and by-laws as necessary to ensure the health and welfare of its inhabitants. Various enforcement actions within the Food, Public-Semi Public Pools, Title 5, Housing, Recreational Camps, Body Art, and Mobile Park regulations are provided by the Board of Health. Below is a summary of inspections for the calendar year 2017.

General Inspections (includes any re inspections):

- 24 Nuisance Complaint Inspections (trash, odors, ect)
- 24 Housing Complaint Inspections
- 26 Pre Rental Housing Inspections
- 2 Recreational Camp Inspections
- 1 Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- 2 Body Art Facilities Inspections
- 2 Campground Inspection
- 4 Motel/Inn Inspections

Food Inspections:

- 122 Food Establishment Inspections
- 12 Re Inspections
- 0 Food Establishment Complaint Inspections
- 7 Temporary Food Event Inspections

Title 5:

- 34 Septic System Inspections (New, upgrades, repairs)
- 20 Soil Testing (Percs, deep hole observations)
- 13 Septic System Design Plan Reviews
- 35 Title 5 Inspection Report Reviews

Animal Inspector:

Rabies is a viral disease that can affect all mammals, including humans. The virus attacks the central nervous system and can be secreted in saliva. Because rabies affects people as well as animals, control of this disease has become a top priority for the Division of Animal Health. Although bat strain rabies has been known to exist in Massachusetts since the 1960's, a small bat population in the state and infrequent exposures limited the need for widespread awareness and control. The raccoon rabies epidemic beginning in 1992 posed new problems for public health officials. Massachusetts law requires that owners of cats and dogs vaccinate their pets for rabies. A municipal Animal Inspector is nominated under M.G.L. c. 129 and approved by the Department of Food and Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Health. Animal Inspector duties

include investigating into and issuing rabies quarantine orders; investigation of animal complaints; and conducting yearly barn inspections.

A Ten Day Rabies Quarantine is the strict confinement of an apparently healthy domestic animal that has bitten or scratched a human or other domestic animal. Quarantine is the confinement of a domestic animal from humans and other animals for the purposes of observing the animal for signs of rabies and minimizing chances of the animal spreading rabies to humans and other animals. This includes isolation and strict confinement. The Animal Inspector, after completing an investigation and determining that a domestic animal has bitten or scratched a human or another domestic animal, issues a written order to the person in custody of the biting animal requiring the animal to be placed under Strict Confinement for a period of ten days. The Ten Day quarantine applies regardless of the vaccination status of the biting animal.

If during this ten-day period the animal in strict confinement displays symptoms compatible with Rabies, the animal shall be euthanized immediately, and the Animal Inspector and Department shall be notified. Samples from any such euthanized animal, or animal which dies from any cause during the quarantine period, shall be submitted for rabies testing as described in 330 CMR 10.09.

A 45 Day Rabies Quarantine is when a domestic animal has a wound of unknown origin or has been exposed to a potential rabid animal and is up to date on rabies vaccination. The Animal Inspector, upon completion of an investigation and upon determination that a domestic animal has been exposed, will issue a written order to the person in custody of the exposed animal.

Where the Exposed domestic animal is Unvaccinated the quarantine period shall be 4 months with vaccination given a month prior to release.

For additional information on rabies quarantines please visit:
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/rabies-control-program/>

Rabies Quarantines for 2017:

10 Day Quarantines: 6
45 Day Quarantines: 10
4 Month Quarantines: 4

Additionally the Animal Inspector conducts yearly barn inspections filling out a Barn Book issued by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of collecting information on where farm animals (chickens, goats, horses, alpacas, pigs, turkeys, donkeys ect) are kept, noting the number and kind of each animal, minimum standards of shelter available, observations of the health status of the animals, and any cases of potential animal abuse or neglect.

Barn Inspections for 2017: 0 (Christian Hains was nominated as Animal Inspector on December 27, 2017 by the Select Board to assist the Health Director in doing the annual barn inspections)

Budget Overview:

The Board of Health operates with a revolving fund with a spending limit of \$30,000. Line item expenditures were created to ensure proper allocation of money within the department's operating budget. The revolving fund is primarily funded by revenue from Board of Health permit fees. Below is a list of permits, licenses, and applications generating revenue to the revolving fund for 2017.

- 2 Bathing Beach Permit
- 3 Body Art Permits
- 2 Cabins/Campground Permits
- 1 Dairy Pasteurization Permit
- 16 Disposal Works Construction (Septic) Permits
- 78 Food Establishment Permits
- 2 Frozen Dessert Manufacturing Permits
- 2 Funeral Director Permit
- 3 Mobile Home Park Permits
- 3 Motel/Inn Permits
- 20 Pre Rental Housing Inspection Permits
- 3 Recreational Camp Permit
- 22 Hauler Permits (Septage and Trash)
- 4 Septic Plan Re-Reviews
- 10 Septic Repair Permits
- 20 Soil Testing Permits
- 1 Semi Public/Public Swimming Pool Permit
- 42 Temporary Food Establishment Permits
- 35 Title 5 Inspection Reports (File/Review Fee)
- 12 Tobacco Retail Permits
- 10 Well Permits

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Respectfully Submitted – Andrea Crete

TRANSACTION REPORT FOR FY17

REAL ESTATE (RE)

YEAR	RECOMMITTED	COMMITTED	PAID	ABATED EXEMPTIONS ADJUST	REFUND ADJUSTMENT	OUTSTANDING 6/30/17
	7/1/2016					
1987	\$ 834.21	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 666.22
1988	\$ 332.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 440.83
1989	\$ 161.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 383.80
1990	\$ 3,816.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,816.79
1991	\$ 12,449.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,449.84
1992	\$ 1,464.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,464.96
2001	\$ 492.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 492.53
2002	\$ 904.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 904.71
2003	\$ 1,178.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,178.37
2004	\$ 921.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 921.31
2005	\$ 775.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 775.87
2006	\$ 874.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 874.07
2007	\$ 880.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 880.92
2008	\$ 595.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 595.66
2009	\$ 523.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 523.99
2010	\$ 981.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 981.52
2011	\$ 1,942.21	\$ -	\$ 625.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,316.65
2012	\$ 7,200.67	\$ -	\$ 4,701.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,952.97
2013	\$ 43,060.68	\$ -	\$ 18,609.43	\$ -	\$ 2,344.36	\$ 4,513.88
2014	\$ 113,801.07	\$ -	\$ 58,748.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,607.75
2015	\$ 589,860.28	\$ -	\$ 139,988.08	\$ 463.17	\$ 2,113.49	\$ 18,192.55
2016	\$ 428,959.53	\$ -	\$ 363,331.98	\$ 2,042.69	\$ 2,795.08	\$ 66,379.94
2017		\$ 10,354,547.17	\$ 10,073,315.71	\$ 75,764.09	\$ 52,505.86	\$ 257,973.23
TOTALS	\$ 783,053.85	\$ 10,354,547.17	\$ 10,659,320.79	\$ 78,269.95	\$ 59,758.79	\$ 383,288.36

SE (SEWER LIENS) BE (SEPTIC BETTERMENTS) RB (ROAD BETTERMENTS)
WL (WATER LIENS) QRB (QUABBIN ROAD BETTERMENTS)

		LFS (SEWER FEES) LFW (WATER FEES)			
YEAR	TAX	RECOMMITTED	COMMITTED	PAID	OUTSTANDING
		7/1/2016			6/30/2017
2013	SE	\$ 1,365.48	\$ 156.18	\$ 1,365.48	\$ 156.18
2014	SE	\$ 548.36		\$ 548.36	\$ -
2015	SE	\$ 398.23		\$ 398.23	\$ -
2016	SE	\$ 4,403.45		\$ 3,773.36	\$ 630.09
2015	WL	\$ 250.32		\$ 250.32	\$ -
2016	WL	\$ 107.75		\$ 107.75	\$ -
2016	RB	\$ 104.44		\$ 104.44	\$ -
2015	LFS	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -
2016	LFS	\$ 637.50		\$ 587.50	\$ 50.00
2015	LFW	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ -
2016	LFW	\$ 12.50		\$ 12.50	\$ -
2017	SE	\$ -	\$ 42,472.39	\$40,649.91	\$ 1,822.48
2017	LSF	\$ -	\$ 6,175.00	\$ 5,761.73	\$ 413.27
2017	WL	\$ -	\$ 2,100.01	\$ 1,910.21	\$ 189.80
2017	LFW	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 25.00
2017	BE	\$ -	\$ 3,453.02	\$ 3,453.02	\$ -
2017	QRB	\$ -	\$ 5,038.08	\$ 4,954.45	\$ 83.63
2017	RB		\$ 2,307.72	\$ 2,115.41	\$ 192.31
TOTALS		\$ 7,978.03	\$ 61,977.40	\$ 66,392.67	\$ 3,562.76

TRANSACTION REPORTS FOR FY 17
MVE (MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE)

YEAR	RECOMMITTED	COMMITTED	PAID	ABATE	REFUNDS	OUTSTANDING
	07/01/16		RESCINDED	ADJUSTED	ADJUSTED	6/30/2017
2011	\$ 4,442.35	\$ -		\$ 4,486.44	\$ 44.09	\$ -
2012	\$ 3,745.87	\$ -	\$ 661.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,084.18
2013	\$ 5,775.35	\$ -	\$ 712.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,062.86
2014	\$ 9,426.29	\$ -	\$ 1,993.34	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 7,427.95
2015	\$ 19,047.10	\$ -	\$ 9,820.35	\$ 186.67	\$ 220.62	\$ 9,260.70
2016	\$ 75,731.67	\$ 74,040.02	\$ 127,057.40	\$ 5,084.57	\$ 3,521.79	\$ 21,151.51
2017		\$ 707,972.53	\$ 582,600.55	\$ 15,130.57	\$ 4,553.18	\$ 114,794.59
TOTAL	\$ 118,168.63	\$ 782,012.55	\$ 722,845.82	\$ 24,893.25	\$ 8,339.68	\$ 160,781.79

PERSONAL PROPERTY (PP)

YEAR	RECOMMITTED	COMMITTED	PAID	ABATED	REFUND	OUTSTANDING
	7/1/2016			ADJUSTMENT	ADJUSTMENT	6/30/2017
2014	\$ 880.00	\$ -	\$ 439.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 440.59
2015	\$ 1,753.50	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,753.50
2016	\$ 2,529.50	\$ -	\$ 483.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,046.46
2017		\$ 276,654.03	\$ 273,989.33	\$ -	\$ 78.99	\$ 2,743.69
TOTALS	\$ 5,163.00	\$ 276,654.03	\$ 274,911.78	\$ -	\$ 78.99	\$ 6,984.24

DEPARTMENTALS

	RECOMMITTED	COMMITTED	PAID	ABATED	OUTSTANDING
	7/1/2016				6/30/2017
ARMORY	\$ -	\$ 9,430.00	\$ 9,430.00	\$ -	\$ -
CEMETERY	\$ -	\$ 21,100.00	\$ 21,100.00	\$ -	\$ -
BD OF HEALTH	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 26,352.00	\$ 26,544.00	\$ -	\$ 1,704.00
TOTALS	\$ 1,896.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,704.00

**ORANGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION
ANNUAL REPORT
2017**

The OEDIC concentrated on marketing the Randall Pond Industrial Park Project. MassECON notified the OEDIC of potential tenants all of whom wanted rail, natural gas, and/or more acreage than available in the Park

Five lots of approximately 37 acres remain.

The OEDIC has been using the expertise within its Board to provide consultation to several businesses in the area on issues of financing and expansion.

The OEDIC has been providing site location and selection assistance to retail enterprises attempting to locate in the town of Orange.

The Board of Selectmen appoints the members of the Board of Directors for three-year terms. They are as follows:

Mark Ostberg, Chairman
Richard Sheridan, Clerk
Karl Bittenbender, Treasurer
Mark Wright
Sara Lyman

Fire-Rescue-EMS and Emergency Management Annual Report for 2017

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Orange:

I hereby submit this annual report of the Fire-Rescue-EMS and Emergency Management Departments for calendar year 2017.

2017 was both a challenging and productive year for the departments. A need for administrative support and additional staffing still exists with the ever-increasing duties of operating the Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management functions within the organization. Aging apparatus, equipment, and facilities, along with limited staffing, continue to hamper the efforts of the department to provide the best possible quality of service to the citizens we serve. A comprehensive plan for increased staffing is currently being drafted. Support from the Board of Selectmen will be requested to draft a Federal grant application for the purpose of adding additional full-time Firefighter/EMTs. Additionally, OFD Headquarters, located at 18 Water Street, was constructed in 1936 and designed for much smaller emergency apparatus. The current building is in disrepair and no longer meets the needs of a modern organization. The facility should be extensively renovated or a new Headquarters/Public Safety Complex constructed on another site. Funding requests for a new Public Safety Complex have been included in the Fire Department's five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

The Department experienced some staffing changes during 2017. Recruitment and retention of Paid On-Call firefighters remains a challenging endeavor. The demanding training schedule coupled with the amount of time necessary for response to emergencies contributes to the difficulty in attracting new members to join the on-call staff. The Fire Department welcomed five new Probationary on-call Firefighters during the month of April. Two resigned, one sustained an injury delaying his recruit training, and two Firefighters successfully completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Recruit Program. This program provides the same quality of training that full-time Firefighters receive delivered during nights and weekends for our on-call Firefighters employed full-time outside of the Fire Department. Firefighters Joseph Larson and Shawn Shaw graduated in October after completing 240 hours of training and successfully passing certification exams achieving Fire Service Professional Board of Qualifications as Firefighter Level I/II and Hazardous Materials-Operations Level Responder. Firefighter Shaw also successfully completed an 18-hour First Responder course in addition to in-house CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) training as required under MA statutes. Firefighter Larson was certified as a Massachusetts EMT at the time of his hiring fulfilling his medical responder requirements. There are currently 14 Paid On-Call Firefighters employed by the Orange Fire-Rescue-EMS Agency, 21 are needed to operate efficiently. Hiring to fill some of these vacancies will take place during the early months of 2018. Anyone seeking information about joining the department as a Paid On-Call firefighter can visit the Water Street station and speak with the on-duty staff or obtain an application. Career Firefighter Mark Vitale resigned from the Fire Department during the month of October to pursue another career opportunity. We thank Firefighter Vitale for his 19 years of dedicated service to the Town of Orange and surrounding communities. Mark began his career with the Orange Fire Department in 1998 as an on-call Firefighter being promoted to a full-time position in 2002. Mark also served as a

Paramedic, Officer-in-Charge of his shift, Fire Prevention Officer, and President of the Firefighters Union IAFF Local 4569. We wish Firefighter Vitale the best of luck in his future endeavors.

The Orange Fire-Rescue-EMS Agency remains one of busiest in Franklin County in regards to total number of incidents responded to annually. The department responded to a total of 2,241 calls for service in 2017. This compares with 2,192 calls in the year 2016 and 2,097 calls in the year 2015. Of the total calls for service in 2017, 323 or 14.74% occurred simultaneously with another response. These situations prove to be very challenging for the department as limited amounts of staffing can typically handle only one response at a time. Overlapping calls frequently require the request for mutual aid resulting in a delayed response by out-of-town agencies. Due to the activity of the department, many times both fire stations are unstaffed. If you call the station and do not get an answer, all personnel are committed to department activities or an emergency response. Please use 911 to report any emergencies as these calls are answered by a regional dispatch center located in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts that is staffed at all times. The Orange Fire Department is equipped with a voicemail service for non-emergency calls. Messages are checked regularly and personnel will return your call.

During the month of March, a tragedy beyond comprehension struck our region. A mother and four of her five children were killed during a house fire in the neighboring Town of Warwick, MA. The Orange Fire Department provided equipment and personnel via mutual aid to assist Warwick. This fire occurred only a day shy of the one-year anniversary of a tragic fire in Orange that claimed the lives of two young children. The Warwick fire was the culmination of an unprecedented 13-month span during which 13 fatalities resulted from fires in Franklin County alone. Our thoughts and hearts remain with the families, friends, and first-responders involved in these tragic events. The investigations following most of these tragedies revealed no evidence of working smoke detectors in the residences. The Orange Fire Department encourages all residents to install and maintain properly working smoke alarms in accordance with building and fire codes. These devices afford you the most precious resource you can have during an emergency in your home: **TIME** to escape and notify emergency responders.

The Orange Fire Department placed a new vehicle into service during the month of January. Squad 7, a 2017 Ford F-350 4-wheel drive diesel quad-cab pickup with a plow is used daily for various tasks. This unit is used for non-emergency responses including inspections, transportation to training events, transporting refuse to the transfer station, and transportation of equipment/personnel to emergency scenes in addition to many other tasks. It is also used to clear snow from the parking lots of both fire stations and towing of all trailers operated by the Fire Department. The Fire Department would like to thank all of the elected/appointed officials and citizens who supported this much needed piece of equipment. Thank you also to the Orange Firefighters who selflessly used their own personal vehicles for the tasks mentioned above in the absence of this type of apparatus for several years.

The department continues to operate apparatus that is in need of replacement. A list of the department's vehicles below includes the condition of the vehicle and the manner in which it was procured if other than purchased by the Town:

Station 1

Ladder 1-2007 KME 100-foot Aerial-500 gallons water-2000 gpm (gallons per minute) pump- excellent condition, purchased with Federal grant, no grant match provided by the Town of Orange (funds for grant match and building to house the truck raised through private donations)

Engine 2-2001 HME/Smeal Pumper-975 gallons water-1500 gpm pump-fair condition

Engine 3-1988 Pierce Pumper-750 gallons water-1250 gpm pump-good condition (purchased used from the City of Greenfield in 2015 to replace a 1980 pumper permanently removed from service)

Ambulance 1-2009 GMC 4500/Braun-good condition

Ambulance 2-2016 Dodge 5500/Lifeline-excellent condition

Brush 8-1987 GMC 1 ton pickup with skid unit-150 gallons water-150 gpm pump-poor condition-Federal surplus property

Squad 9-1987 GMC box truck/breathing air supply unit-poor condition-Federal surplus property

Mass Decontamination Trailer-very good condition-regional trailer owned by the Commonwealth

Boat 1-Achilles inflatable boat with 20 horsepower Nissan outboard motor, motor excellent condition (boat permanently removed from service in September 2017 due to catastrophic failure, new boat/trailer to be purchased in 2018 with remount of current outboard motor)

ATV-Kawasaki Mule all-wheel drive utility vehicle-MA state grant with no Town match-fair condition

Fire Alarm-1997 Ford F-450 with telescoping bucket, MA State grant with no town match-good condition

Station 2

Engine 1-1987 Mack/Pierce Pumper-1000 gallons water-1500 gpm pump-poor condition

Tender 4-2010 VTech Vacuum Tank-3000 gallons water-no pump-federal grant with 5% Town match-excellent condition

Class B Foam Trailer-regional trailer owned by the Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts

The Fire Department continues to seek alternative sources of funding in an effort to ease the financial burden on the taxpayers. A highly competitive Federal Grant Application has been submitted to replace the 1987 Mack Pumper and Squad 9 (replace the military surplus vehicle with a trailer mounted breathing air system). Awarding of these grant applications is expected to begin during the spring and end during the fall of 2018. Additionally, the Department received the following alternative funds during 2017:

- \$2460.00 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (State Grant) matched dollar for dollar by annual subscription fee to CodeRed emergency notification system (purchased bulk alkaline batteries, emergency management computer software)

- \$ 3708.00 Student Awareness of Fire Safety Education Grant (State Grant with no Town match). Funding used for fire safety educational materials and wages for personnel participating in the educational programs.
- \$47,620 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with Town match of \$2,380 (raised through private donations with no cost match from the Town). The grant replaced our 30-year old vehicle extrication equipment (Jaws of Life) with a new battery-operated system. Funding also replaced aging high-pressure pneumatic lifting bags and homemade versions of vehicle stabilization struts with commercially manufactured models.

The Orange Fire-Rescue-EMS Agency strives to recover as much revenue as possible in an effort to offset the Department's monetary impact to the Town's overall operating budget. During calendar year 2017, the following amounts of revenue were collected recovering 61.95% of the Fire, Ambulance, and Emergency Management Department's total operating budget:

• Insurance reimbursements for ambulance transports	\$506,243.16
• Medicaid Reimbursement Program	\$30,000.00
• Assessments to surrounding Towns for ALS Ambulance Service	\$110,386.00
• Permits/Fees	\$8,602.54
• Surplus Vehicles/Property	\$10,139.00
• Total	\$665,370.70

In addition to recognizing the continued dedication of the Orange Fire Department membership, the department would also like to thank all of our employee's families who allow them to commit the many hours necessary for training and response to emergencies. Also, thank you to the Citizens of Orange for your continued support of the Fire Department in all that we do.

Respectfully submitted:

James R. Young Jr.-Chief of Department/Emergency Management Director

2017 Orange Public Libraries Annual Report

The year 2017 started off memorably for the Wheeler Memorial Library, as the grant application for the library building project was mailed to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in late January, pending approval. The town voted to approve the application at a special town meeting in April, and in July the library received notification from the state that they had been placed in 17th on the state waitlist for a grant of \$5,218,803. The library building committee has continued to advocate for the project, in anticipation of receiving a formal grant offer in the next 1-3 years.

2017 was also a year of change for the library staff. Longtime employee Candace Curran retired on January 19, 2017, after 14 years of service. Library Tech Riana Freytag was promoted to Ms. Curran's former position, and Todd Ladeau was hired to fill Ms. Freytag's former position in April.

The Wheeler Memorial Library and the North Orange branch circulated a total of 38,958 materials in 2017. 3,081 new materials were added to the collection. As of December, 2017, the library had a total of 4,261 registered users. The library received \$13,026.99 in State Aid funding, to be disbursed by the Board of Library Commissioners throughout the year.

Throughout February and April, the library received generous donations from the community to honor the memory of Joanna Fisher. Over \$3,000 were raised to purchase books, films, audiobooks, and games for patrons of all ages in memory of Ms. Fisher. The materials were displayed at an open house on April 22nd, with all members of the community invited to attend. In September the library partnered with the Trap Rock Center for Peace and Justice and received a \$1,000 grant for books and movies for the children's room. Two events were held in September to promote awareness of the new collection.

The library continued its community outreach in 2017, with the start of a delivery service to home bound patrons, continued presence at school functions, and partnerships with Seeds of Solidarity and local businesses at the summer farmers market and the 3rd Thursday Street Fairs. Recurring library programs for 2017 included Baby and Me Story Times, Rise and Romp Story Times, Lego Club, 4th Friday Films, and two new adult book clubs.

The board of trustees and the library staff remain, as ever, grateful for the continuing support of the Friends organization and the community of Orange. Throughout the year, with the Friends' assistance, the library was able to bring many exciting programs to our patrons, including the 2017 summer reading program, for which the theme was "Build a Better World," a spring plant sale, the summer book sale, the 4th Annual Robert P. Collen poetry competition, the holiday open house, and several Live Local Legends programs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the trustees



Jessica Magelaner
Library Director



Town of Orange Department of Police

CRAIG A. LUNDGREN
CHIEF



ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT 2017

On behalf of the Orange Police Department, I respectfully submit our annual report for 2017. Once again our Town has shown its support and commitment to the Police Department. After passing at Town Meeting, we were able to hire an additional patrolman who is currently attending the Western Mass Police Academy in Springfield. Upon graduation in July, he will be used to help fill vacancies created by vacations, thus reducing our reliance on overtime. We also had one officer leave to accept a position with the Chicopee Police Dept. Chicopee is a much larger Department and I am pleased that the officer will have a much greater opportunity for promotion and advancement. We wish him well. Now that we are no longer burdened by the cumbersome and lengthy Civil Service process, we were able to hire a fully trained officer within six weeks, and put him to work immediately. Welcome aboard Officer Cooley.

We will always remember 2017 as “The Year of Castle Rock”. Things did not always go as smoothly as planned, but we made it through. Thank You to the citizens of Orange for putting up with the many delays, road blocks, and confusing detours! This was our first experience with such a large undertaking. Rest assured that we have learned a great deal and if Castle Rock should return to our Town, we should be able to do a much better job second time around. Officers performed 2000 hours of traffic control, which is equivalent to 250 eight hour days, which is remarkable.

Our K-9 Unit was outfitted with a new 2017 Ford Cruiser through the generosity of a fully funded grant by a private foundation. They have our gratitude. We also should never forget the generosity of the Pioneer Junior Woman’s Club, who has financially supported our K-9 program for many years.

We have been able to make significant improvements to our station, and continue to do so. Our Officers Report Room has been cleaned, painted, and redesigned and now has a much more professional appearance. We have also replaced our old wooden sign in front of the station with a more modern one. This was accomplished through the generosity of The Orange American Legion who fully funded our sign replacement. Some of these improvements may seem insignificant, but I truly believe that a professional atmosphere and work environment helps promote professional attitudes.

Lastly, a big thanks to all our hardworking and dedicated officers who continue to strive towards excellence. I have been very fortunate during my tenure as Chief to have had the privilege of working alongside some of the finest officers in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully,

Craig A Lundgren

2017

• Total Calls for service	6749
• Accidents	107
• Arrests	323
• Investigations	224
• Medical Emergencies	522
• Alarm Response	252
• Citations Issued	402
• Assaults	44
• Domestic Disturbance	50
• 911 calls	149
• Larceny	126
• Breaking & Entering	98
• General Disturbance	156

Revenue collected

• Insurance	\$513.00
• Gun Licenses	\$4912.50
• Parking	\$1022.00
• Citation	\$7350.00

Command Post Deployment

• May 13 th	Pioneer Junior Woman's Club Bike Rodeo
• May 18 th -21 st	Military Expo Orange Airport. First Aid Station
• May 17 th	Wal-Mart Public Safety Day
• June 21 st -25 th	Summer Fest Athol High School
• July 5 th	Deployed to Wendell at the request of State Police
• Oct 10 th	Orange Fire Open House

K-9 Activity Report

K9 Orka provided assistance to the following towns over the past year: Athol, Erving, Warwick, New Salem and Pelham. The following is one example of the many deployments she was involved in.

On Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at approximately 5:46 p.m. the Erving Police Department requested a K9 to assist with a missing 7 year old autistic boy in the area of North Street in their town. Upon our arrival the fire department was requesting additional personal and the assistance of the State Police Air wing to search a densely wooded area where the young child had possibly gone missing.

The parents advised they saw the boy approximately an hour prior to calling 911. They believed he was inside of his room playing. I obtained a scent article from the child's bedroom to use to initiate a track with K9 Orka. After presenting the article to K9 Orka and giving her a verbal command to begin the track she immediately exhibited behaviors consistent with acquiring the target odor.

She began tracking to the rear of the residence and into the thick wooded area. After tracking for a period of time through the woods I could hear a young child crying. K9 Orka led us directly to the child and he was found uninjured.

K9 Orka assisted in multiple drug searches where illegal narcotics were located. During K9 Orka's drug detection work she comes in close proximity to dangerous illegal drugs while using her nose to find them.

On Tuesday, October 17, 2017 K9 Orka and I attended at training hosted by the VCA Boston Road Emergency Room and Specialty Hospital for animals in Springfield. K9 Officers from around Western Massachusetts were trained how to treat their K9 partners for an opioid overdose. At the end of the class all officers were given an opioid reversal kit for our K9 partners in an effort to keep them safe during their dangerous jobs.

K9 Orka was also credited with two arrests this year. On two separate occasions she located suspects that broke into different residences. As a direct result of K9 Orka's actions the suspects were taken into custody.

K9 Orka also participated in ten different public demonstrations throughout the year. During these police K9 demonstrations the public was educated on the many different skills police K9's are trained to do.

Drug Detection

Building searches – 5

Vehicle searches – 15

In town responses – 7

Out of town responses – 13

Patrol Functions

Tracking - 17

Building searches – 9

Article searches – 1

Arrests - 2

In town responses – 19

Out of town responses – 10

Total Deployments for 2017 – (49)

**Sanitation Department
2017 Calendar Year Report**

The Town of Orange Recycling Center/Transfer Station

We applied for the SMRP under the Recycling Dividends Program, and received \$4,900.00.

The Recycling Dividends Program provides payments to municipalities that have implemented specific programs and policies proven to maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction. Municipalities will receive payments according to the number of criteria points earned in this program.

Materials brought into the facility

Municipal Solid Waste	533 tons
Demolition Materials	197 tons
Single Stream Recycling	307 tons
Scrap Metal, Appliances	30 tons
Clothing	7.50 tons
Batteries	1 ton
Leaves, Brush	70 tons
Electronics (TV's, Monitors, etc.)	9 tons
Compostable Food Waste	5.2tons
Tires	196 tires
Light Ballast	21
Fluorescent Bulbs	516
Trash bags sold	48,452

Please visit the town web site at **www.townoforange.org** then click on Recycling/Transfer Station for information about the facility, including **“What Do I Do With...?”**

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Smith Jr.
Superintendent Sanitation Department

6/30/2017 TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

Cash Balance 6/30/17

Bank Balances:

General Fund:	Petty Cash	\$170.00	
	Unibank School Vendor	\$55,186.81	
	Unibank Payables	-\$112,201.55	
	Small Cities	\$451.37	
	TD Ambulance	\$364,938.81	
	Hometown Depository	\$2,142,700.97	
	Unibank State	\$1,696,906.25	
	Unibank Town Clerk	-\$85.99	
	Unibank Collector	\$25.03	
	Unibank BOH online	-\$40.00	
	Unibank Deputy online	-\$3,333.68	
	Hometown Payroll	\$19,415.64	
	Hometown Café	\$6,926.00	\$4,171,059.66
Enterprise	Hometown Water	\$391,883.99	
	Hometown Sewer	\$123,236.30	\$515,120.29
Trust Funds.	Bart Trusts	\$1,279,833.02	
	Greenfield stab. CD	\$35,359.47	\$1,315,192.49
Ending Cash Balance:			\$6,001,372.44



TOWN OF ORANGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

To the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Residents of Orange

The facility has been in operation for 40 years and thanks to the efforts of our dedicated staff the facility continues to run very well. Whole Effluent Toxicity testing, Sludge TCLP Analysis and other regulatory testing results are excellent.

The 40 year old facility has some of the original equipment from the start of operations in March of 1977. We are currently working on the Plans and Specifications for the upgrade and also looking into funding sources for the upgrade of the facility including USDA Grant/Loan program, SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan program.

I would like to encourage sewer users to help in reducing clean water flows, into the sewer system, by redirecting sump pumps, roof leaders, floor drains, yard drains etc. out of the sewer system. This extra water contributes to an increase in operating & maintenance (O&M) costs of the treatment facility and sewer collection system. I would also request residents to refrain from flushing "wipes" into the collection system. The "wipes" cause clogging problems in the sewer collection system and also clogs pumps within the wastewater treatment process which also contribute to higher O&M cost.

We encourage residents to make an appointment for a guided tour of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and become familiar with our operation that helps to protect the Millers River for future generations.

Annual Data:

Total Rainfall – 49.05 inches

Total Wastewater Flow 2017 – 346.2 Million Gallons

Total Sludge Disposed – 67.21 Tons of Dry Solids

Average BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) Removal – 93%

Average TSS (Total Suspended Solids) Removal – 95%

Total Sodium Hypochlorite (Effluent Disinfection) – 1,550 Gallons

Total Cationic Polymer (Sludge Thickening) – 300 Pounds

Total Sodium Aluminate (Phosphorus Removal) – 3,300 Gallons

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Billiel Jr.

Chief Operator

The Town of Orange is a equal opportunity provider, employer

ORANGE WATER DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT 2017

On behalf of the Orange Water Department, it is my pleasure to submit this Annual Report for CY2017. The Department has been in operation for 125 years and continues to provide safe, clean drinking water to many residences, businesses and institutions.

Drinking water is provided by 3 large wells located off of West River St. and Daniel Shays Hwy. (Route 202). From there, the water travels through two large storage tanks, 36± miles of distribution main and thousands of valves, meters and hydrants. Maintaining this system in working order and in compliance with applicable regulations is no small task. Our team of licensed operators, dedicated water commissioners, and a very patient billing clerk will continue to be as efficient as possible. We are very grateful to the public water users in Orange. Nearly all are extremely pleasant and easy to work with. In return, we do our best to be responsive to user needs and emergencies. Please call or stop in anytime with water questions/concerns.

In 2017, work on our state mandated upgrades at Wells #2, 2A, and 3 was completed, which will help optimize our processes to continue to maintain compliance with more modern equipment and controls. This was completed without loans, utilizing retained earnings. The department is solely funded by our customers, and we will continue to optimize and improve our physical, financial and technical operations as efficiently as possible. Forestry work near our storage tanks and dams make for safer areas, reducing damage potential and will help future maintenance work be more manageable. Storage tank exteriors will be cleaned, recoated, and have required fall safety apparatus installed in the early part of 2018. Work on the new wells at the Holtshire Road site continued, but was a basic re-evaluation of our options. We are still confident that these wells will pave the way toward better system reliability in the near future. We provided oversight and frequent, sometimes urgent, assistance for water-related items on construction projects including the upgrade to the Brookside Mobile Home Park project. We would be happy to discuss our operations with you at any time, including these projects and many that are not listed.

2017 Statistics (all numbers are approximate):

Total gallons of water pumped	120,718,120
Customer accounts served	1,856
Meter readings collected/processed	6,807
New water meters installed/retrofitted	27
Services/hydrants installed or renewed	19
Services/hydrants turned on & off by request	86
Frozen meters, valves or service lines	4
Leaks repaired in main or service lines	3
Backflow tests completed	207
Hydrant/main flushing events	364
Utility (excavation) mark-outs	22

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth R. Wysk
Water Superintendent



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Stephanie Conrod, Chair	2018
Sarah McMaster	Vacated seat in 2017
Robert Haigh	2018
Dianne Salcedo	2020
Amy White	2019
Jessica Knox	2019
Vacant Seat	----

Tari N. Thomas, Superintendent of Schools
Daniel B. Haynes, Director of Finance and Operations

Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Office Telephone: 978-544-6763

District Web site: <http://www.orange-elem.org>



To the members of the Orange Elementary School District Committee and the voters of the Orange Elementary School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Orange Elementary School Committee covers the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

The Orange Elementary Schools hold high expectations for the success and achievement of all our 629 children, Pre-School – Grade 2 at Fisher Hill School and grades 3,4,5 & 6 at Dexter Park. We are an enthusiastic school community, dedicated to providing a quality instructional program for our students.

The Orange Elementary staff works diligently to foster a positive school climate with a growth mindset that ensures a child's opportunity to gain knowledge, develop self-esteem, and be motivated to attend and achieve. We strive to foster individual initiative and build a network of open communication and teamwork between students, parents and staff.

A skilled and educated faculty and staff, combine time-tested methods and materials with the latest practices and programs, to capitalize on the strengths and address the needs of all students.

Classroom teachers are supported by a comprehensive staff of specialists who provide a variety of services designed to give each child a complete education. As students work to expand their cognitive and affective domains, our counselors and nurses help to facilitate the growth process by attending to the social, emotional, and health needs of children and their families. Our team of custodians are responsible for maintaining a clean, safe, and physically-functional environment, while the cafeteria staff operates an excellent food-service program for children and adults.

Essential to a full-fledged team effort are our volunteers, including the School Council and PTO, who give of themselves daily so that students and teachers have that extra edge that only comes from involved parents and interested community members.

Finally, the principals and secretaries work directly with the Superintendent's Office and Special Services facilitating quality education for all children attending each of our elementary schools.

Students are here to learn and teachers are here to teach. Our staff takes their teaching responsibility very seriously and we expect our students to work hard to do what they come here every day to do, to learn. That is the culture we work very hard to establish in the Orange Elementary Schools. That is the school culture we want for your children.



THREE STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2015-2020

Building upon the supports, processes and structures that have been developed this year, the district has set three Strategic Objectives for the School Years 2015-2020. We believe that if we work as a cohesive system focused on:

- improving the instructional core and student supports, as well as developing resilience and perseverance, as the key variables in growing student achievement
- creating continuously advancing, innovative, well-structured and engaging practices through a collaborative culture and continuous data analysis; and
- involving the community in connecting real world experiences, then

Every student will graduate from high school with the skills, proficiencies and opportunities to succeed as a citizen in a global society. We believe the Strategic Objectives complement and reinforce one another to provide a powerful plan for improvement. Our goals are:

Aligned, Consistently Delivered and Continuously Improving Curriculum Effective Instruction & Instructional Leadership School Supports and Interventions

with an emphasis on literacy: reading, writing, listening, viewing, & presenting
through embedded assessment, 21st Century skills integration & matched professional development

Teacher of the Year 2017
Meghan Rotti at the Fisher Hill School



Personnel

The district welcomed the expertise of the following new faculty/staff members in 2017:

Hannah Blanchard	Fisher Hill School	Special Education Paraprofessional
Elizabeth Cardona	Dexter Park Innovation School	Special Education Paraprofessional
Linda Wells	Fisher Hill	Noon Aide
Barbara Churchill	Fisher Hill	Noon Aide
Taryn Dery	Union #73 & Mahar	Supervisor of Special Services
Fallon Lambert-Ball	Fisher Hill & Dexter Park	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Craig Newton	Fisher Hill & Dexter Park	Technology Education Teacher
Erica Talbot	Dexter Park Innovation School	Grade 5 Classroom Teacher
Catherine Ward	Fisher Hill & Dexter Park	Occupational Therapist
Karen Perkins	Fisher Hill	Noon Aide
Kelly Gowan	Fisher Hill & Dexter Park	Board Certified Behavior Analyst
Adam Lyon	Fisher Hill & Dexter Park	Music Teacher

Faculty and Staff Retirements

The following faculty/staff members retired at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year:

Helene Holmes, Grade 5, Dexter Park Innovation School after 42.4 years of service!

Kathy Eichorn, Grade 4, Dexter Park Innovation School after 19 years of service!

Jody Hayne, Grade 3, Dexter Park Innovation School after 29 years of service!

All combined, these three educators have affected approximately 1,988 students learning. Wow!



Helene Holmes

We offer our thanks and appreciation to our retirees whose work has impacted countless children and has had a profound impact on the Orange Elementary Schools!

Orange Elementary & the Petersham Center School Formalize as a Superintendency Union

In November of 2016, the districts of Orange Elementary and Petersham Center formally voted to recognize their working relationship as an elementary union that shares a superintendent, business manager, director of special services and other central office personnel. An operational agreement for working jointly with Mahar and specifying the three districts' collaboration was developed in January 2017. The collaboration between Orange and Petersham is now recognized as Union #73 with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



MSBA and the Dexter Park School

On February 15th, the Dexter Park School was welcomed back into the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) grant program! Eighty-seven schools/communities applied and only seventeen were brought to the board for consideration. Selectboard Member Ryan Mailloux, School Committee Chair Stephanie Conrod, Town Administrator Diana Schindler, Principal Dodge, Director of Finance, Daniel Haynes and Superintendent Thomas were in attendance.

The MSBA works closely with the school and local officials to ensure the best option for our students. Next steps will be for the district to complete the preliminary requirements pertaining to local approval and formation of a local school building committee. May 1st kicked off the timeline for the community and district to complete Eligibility Period requirements. The community then has 270 days to complete all deliverables including an appropriation for feasibility.

A Feasibility Study involves the collection of volumes of data, including detailed evaluation of existing building and site conditions, analysis of educational programming and needs, and establishment of goals and desired outcomes of the project. This phase includes: a full site survey with wetlands demarcation, a full building survey with collection of existing building plans, a hazardous materials survey, a traffic study, evaluation of other buildings in the district for possible use, a detailed analysis of our education program, including interviews with staff, students, administrators, and input from community members via several visioning sessions held in each community.

Using the information gained from the feasibility study. The community will be furnished with various solutions for the building committee to consider and evaluate, each with its own preliminary cost estimate, and list of pros and cons. Possible solutions fall into the categories of: renovate in place, partial renovation with addition, and new construction. A ballot vote approving the funds for the feasibility study will be held on January 8th, 2018.

Enrollment for 2017-2018:

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Fisher Hill	73	72	81	71					297
Dexter Park					90	89	73	80	332
									629

Orange Elementary At-A-Glance for 2016-2017:

Enrollment	629
Average Class Size	17
Student Attendance Rate	94%
Number of Teachers	47
Student to Teacher Ratio	13:1
Students with Disabilities	25%
Economically Disadvantaged	54%
High Needs	63%
English Language Learners	1.6
School Choice In	49
School Choice Out	63
Students Per Computer	2.0
Classrooms on the Internet (%)	100%



STUDENT ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE ~ FALL 2017

2017 Massachusetts District Report Card Overview ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (02230000)

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How is our district doing overall?

Accountability & assistance levels	Overall progress in narrowing gaps
<p>No level Students in grades 3-8 participated in 2017 Next Generation MCAS tests.</p> <p>Most schools are assigned a level from 1-5, with those meeting their proficiency gap-narrowing goals in Level 1 and the lowest performing in Levels 4 and 5. A district is typically assigned a level based on the level of its lowest performing school. Placing schools and districts into levels helps districts know which schools need more support and helps the state know which districts need the most assistance. More information is available here: http://www.mass.gov/energy/outline.</p>	<p>Massachusetts aims to reduce proficiency gaps by half between 2011 and 2017.</p> <p>All students</p> <p>High needs students</p> <p>Economically disadvantaged</p> <p>Students with disabilities</p> <p>English language learners & former ELLs</p>

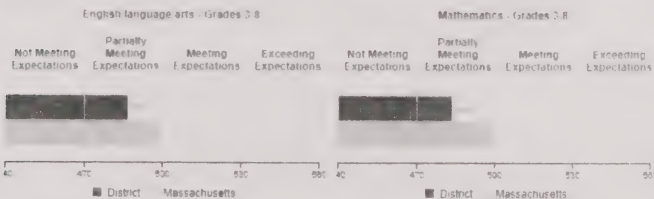
District determination of need for special education technical assistance or intervention

Needs Technical Assistance (NTA)

Districts, including single school districts, are assigned a determination of need for special education technical assistance or intervention. These determinations, which are typically based on the district's accountability and assistance level, range from Meets Requirements (Provisional districts with insufficient data) to Needs Substantial Intervention (Level 5 districts). The determination which also incorporates compliance measures, helps to identify whether the Department will require districts to take additional actions to support improved outcomes for all children, especially students with disabilities.

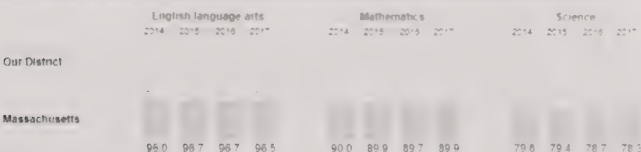
How does our district's achievement over time compare to the state?

Next Generation MCAS (Average Scaled Score)



How does our district's achievement over time compare to the district and the state?

Percentage of students scoring proficient or above on Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) 2014-2017



Energy Saver Award to Dexter Park School

In 2017, the Town of Orange ad hoc Energy Committee recently awarded an Energy Saver Award to Dexter Park School for making significant savings in heating oil use. Dexter Park heating oil use peaked in fiscal year 2012, and since then, School Department personnel have steadily decreased it. By fiscal year 2016, heating oil consumption at Dexter Park School had been reduced by more than one-third from FY2012 levels, saving the Town considerable money. The Orange ad hoc Energy Committee applauds these efforts to reduce energy consumption.



In Conclusion

Our achievement rates are slowly but surely rising despite the annual changes occurring in the state's assessment system. Some of the ways in which we are working to narrow our schools' achievement gap and increase students' academic proficiency has been the implementation of our co-taught instructional model, professional development on meeting the needs of diverse learners, explicit instruction in social-emotional learning and an increase in our wraparound services and safety nets.

We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our schools. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- Encouraging your child's learning at home
- Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings
- Serving as a volunteer in our school or district
- Encouraging other parents to become involved

For specific information explaining our action plan, please go to our website at <http://www.orange-elem.org>. The Strategic Plan for the Consolidated Districts of Orange Elementary, Petersham Center School and the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School is posted in an effort to provide the community with transparency regarding the district's actions to improve teaching and learning.

It is a privilege to provide the citizens of Orange with an update on the progress of the elementary schools. The district is making significant shifts in curriculum & instruction as well as supports and interventions in an inclusionary setting in order to meet their motto of "Every Child, Every Day".

Tari Nugent Thomas
Superintendent of Schools
January 2018



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Committee Member	Town	Term Expires
Peter Cross, Chair	Orange	2019
Patricia Smith, Vice-Chair	Orange	2018
Carla Halpern	New Salem	Appointed
Lynn Peredina	Petersham	Appointed
Heidi Shortis	Petersham	2019
Johanna Bartlett	Wendell	Appointed
Christopher Paul	Orange	2019
Rebecca Badgley	Orange	2020
Amy White	Orange	Appointed
Sunday Lefebvre	Orange	2020
Chante Jillson	Orange	2018



STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kacy Nintean & Yunjung Seo

Tari N. Thomas, Superintendent
Gabriele Voelker, District Treasurer
Daniel Haynes, Director of Finance

Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Office Telephone: 978-544 2920

District Web site: <http://www.rcmahar.org>

To the members of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee and the voters of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee covers the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Vision Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, in collaboration with families, envisions a quality learning environment which values academic excellence that enables students to reach their full potential in a rapidly changing global society.

Mission Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School community will ensure teaching and learning take place in a safe, collaborative, and inclusive environment. We commit to working with families and community members to support the personal, academic, and career growth of every student. We believe that a challenging curriculum for all students, and a culture that actively welcomes all learners, will contribute to a more knowledgeable community and society. We believe that all students must be prepared with 21st-century skills and an understanding of the demands and challenges of an ever-changing world.

Core Values

Student Achievement:

- We believe all students learn best when actively engaged in the learning process.
- We believe education is about student growth that includes core academics, the arts, cultural awareness, and physical, social and emotional well-being.
- We believe the purpose of education is to enable students to become self-reliant learners and productive, responsible citizens.

Personal Growth:

- We believe in promoting personal responsibility in students so they may reach their full potential.

School Climate:

- We believe all decisions should be made in the best interest of students, while recognizing and welcoming their individual differences.
- We believe in a safe environment built on communication and a shared decision making process that supports curiosity, creativity, respect, and positive attitudes

Collaborative Partnerships:

- We believe in identifying and developing diverse opportunities for students to engage in active learning within their communities.
- We believe the education of a child is the shared responsibility of town, educational, family, and student communities.

Resources:

- We believe in school personnel working with family and town communities to provide ongoing information regarding student achievement, school-related activities, and annual budget and expenditures.
- We believe in utilizing fiscally responsible strategies which support teaching and learning to meet the unique needs of students.

THREE STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2015-2020

Building upon the supports, processes and structures that have been developed this year, the district has set three Strategic Objectives for the School Years 2015-2020.

We believe that if we work as a cohesive system focused on:

- improving the instructional core and student supports, as well as developing resilience and perseverance, as the key variables in growing student achievement
- creating continuously advancing, innovative, well-structured and engaging practices through a collaborative culture and continuous data analysis; and
- involving the community in connecting real world experiences, then

Every student will graduate from high school with the skills, proficiencies and opportunities to succeed as a citizen in a global society.

We believe the Strategic Objectives complement and reinforce one another to provide a powerful plan for improvement. Our goals are:

Aligned, Consistently Delivered and Continuously Improving Curriculum Effective Instruction & Instructional Leadership School Supports and Interventions

with an emphasis on literacy: reading, writing, listening, viewing, & presenting
through embedded assessment, 21st Century skills integration & matched professional development

MASS Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence for 2016-2017

Two deserving seniors were awarded the MASS Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence - Kacy Ninteanu and Yunjung Seo. The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents annually designates this award for academic excellence. The award goes to a student who has shown distinction in the pursuit of excellence during their high school career. In researching the attributes of our amazing seniors, it was impossible to select just one. Yunjung and Kacy were honored on December 1st at the Franklin County Technical School.



New Personnel

The district welcomed the expertise of the following new faculty/staff members during the 2016-2017 school year:

Stacey Ferreria	Central Office
Amy Mahaney	Guidance Counselor
Anita McDowell	Special Education Teacher
Jessica Mullaney	Paraprofessional
Doug Jillson	Head Cook – Food Service
Pamela Rogers	Guidance Secretary
Matthew Dudek	Mathematics
Keegan Nunley	Paraprofessional

Class of 2017



Faculty and Staff Retirements

The following faculty/staff members retired at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year:

Laurie Chaplin	Food Service	25 years
Linda Ganson	Art	18 years
Michael Magee	Social Studies	17 years
JoAnn Tresback	Guidance Secretary	29 years

We offer our thanks and appreciation to our retirees whose work has impacted countless students and who have had a profound impact on the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School!



OUR PARTNERSHIPS

The Gateway to College

This partnership with Mount Wachusett Community College and the Gateway to College (based in Portland, OR) continues to be a road to academic success for students from the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District and schools in many other central and western Massachusetts towns. Students in this program attend classes at Mount Wachusett and begin earning college credits early. Students who graduate from the Gateway to College earn the Ralph C. Mahar Regional high school diploma.



Pathways Early College Innovation School

Now in its seventh year of operation, this program offers students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and Associates Degree from Mount Wachusett Community College at the same time. By becoming full-time, dual enrollment students at the beginning of the junior year, students in this program have the opportunity to attend all college classes at Mount Wachusett Community College free of charge. Due to the success of this model, colleges and universities across the Commonwealth are looking to create similar programming with their own neighboring districts.



Telemedicine Pilot Initiative

Athol Memorial Hospital, Narragansett Regional, Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Districts, and Clinical Support Options, Northeast Telehealth Resource Center, and McLean Hospital became project partners in implementing School Based Tele-Behavioral Health Services to address the existing behavioral health needs and the gaps in care for this region and in particular for youth and children in 2017. This collaborative model leverages interactive video conferencing technology to increase access to behavioral health services for school aged children and their families in a convenient and non-threatening setting. It shifts the traditional model of behavioral health treatment from being isolated in medical settings and moves it out into the community reaching children in a familiar setting where there is a support system to assist. Tele-BH services directly accessed in the school breaks down some of the barriers by offering timely access, reduced costs, reduced time constraints, and fills service gaps inherent in our rural area.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AM Integrated Learning Center

This is an alternative high school program that is referred to as “A School Within a School.” Students in this program have the benefit of a school social worker, special education teacher, and full-time paraprofessional support. The focus of this program is on students’ emotional and behavioral health, which has impacted their ability to learn in the mainstreamed environment. A level-system that focuses on rewards and positive behavioral intervention has proven successful for many students who might be educated at the expense of the district in placements other than Ralph C. Mahar.

PM Integrated Learning Center

This program focuses on the non-traditional learner. Students in the PM Integrated Learning Center are involved in career and or internship placement for 20 hours per week. These students attend school from 3:00 – 5:00 PM each day during the school year and take one class each summer. There are few programs which offer students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma outside of the regular school schedule in Massachusetts.

Middle School Integrated Learning Center

This is a self-contained middle school classroom for students who are also challenged with behavioral and emotional issues. This program feeds into the high school AM Integrated Learning Center. A significant difference is the middle school utilizes a more tangible system for reinforcement for positive behavioral interactions. These students are offered the services of a school psychologist, full-time teacher, and two paraprofessionals.

Three CAPS Collaborative Programs

Senators, Junior Senators & Senators Vocational

The Senators Programs are for students with moderate to severe or multiple disabilities who present with delays in cognitive development as well as health, communication, social, and sensory impairments. Students are provided individualized educational programming, based on the MA Curriculum Frameworks and the students’ IEPs delivered in both small group and one-on-one formats. Goals of the program are to develop functional academic and living skills, as well as vocational, community and leisure skills. The program is supported by nursing and an integrated therapy model.

The Class of 2017 John & Abigail Adams Scholarship Winners



ENROLLMENT for 2016 - 2017

Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
116	119	106	109	109	76	635

KEY METRICS for 2016-2017

Enrollment at RC Mahar	635
Enrollment at Gateway	79
Enrollment at Pathways	38
Average Attendance Rate	95.4%
Average Class Size	13
Number of Teachers	59
Students with Disabilities	17%
High Needs	45.4%
English Language Learners	1.9%
2016 Graduation Rate	88.8%



Student Assessment Results Spring 2017

2017 Massachusetts School Report Card Overview

RALPH C MAHAR REGIONAL (07550505)

Ralph C Mahar Public School District: 07550000

Scott A Henkin, Principal

Grades Served: 07/98/09/10/11/12

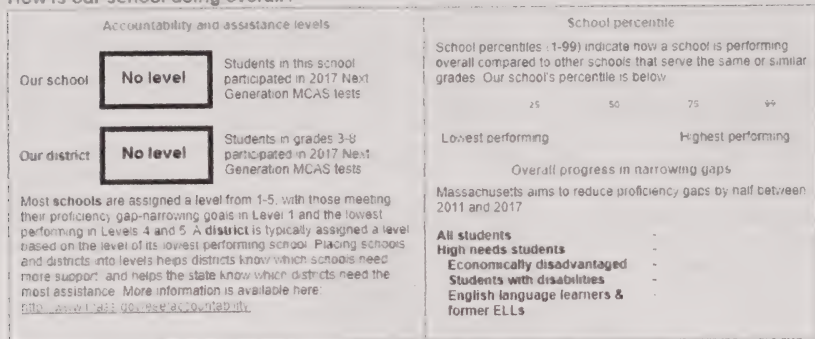
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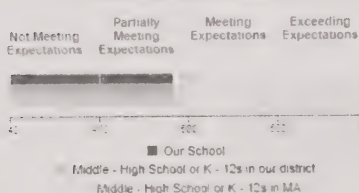
How is our school doing overall?



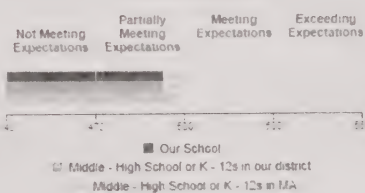
How does our school's achievement over time compare to the district and the state?

Next Generation MCAS (Average Scaled Score)

English language arts - Grades 3-8

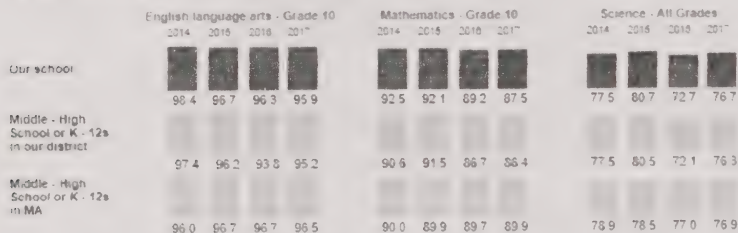


Mathematics - Grades 3-8



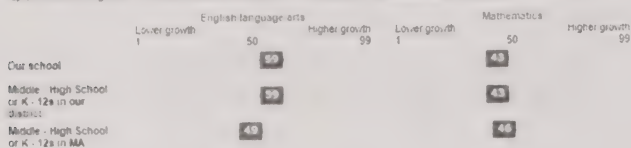
Legacy MCAS (CPI)

The Composite Performance Index (CPI) is a number from 1-100 that represents the extent to which all students are progressing toward proficiency in a given subject. When all students demonstrate proficiency on MCAS and/or PARCC tests, the CPI will be 100. Our school's CPIs for 2014-2017 are below:



How does our school's growth compare to the district and the state?

Transitional Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs) measure gains in student achievement from year to year. SGPs between 40 and 60 represent moderate growth. Our school's median SGPs for 2017 are below. Note: Growth values are truncated.



To improve student achievement at the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, we are implementing the Strategic Plan for the Consolidated Districts for 2015-2020. For more specifics, please visit our website.

We encourage parents/guardians to become involved in helping us improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- Encouraging your child's learning at home
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For more information about our school and to view the actual report card, please visit the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at:

<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/reportcard/SchoolReportCardOverview.aspx?linkid=105&orgcode=07550505&fycode=2017&orgtyrccode=66>

or to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers, please feel free to contact the school at 978-544-2920.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I present the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District's end of year report. This school is poised to make a remarkable difference in teaching and learning that is personalized as well as civic minded.

Tari Nugent Thomas
Superintendent of Schools
January 2018

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Richard J. Martin
Superintendent



2017 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2017 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Enrollment for member towns as of October 1, 2017 was 446 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	27	Erving	29	Montague	76	Sunderland	10
Buckland	7	Gill	10	New Salem	3	Warwick	10
Colrain	17	Greenfield	97	Northfield	30	Wendell	9
Conway	9	Heath	13	Orange	63	Whately	9
Deerfield	14	Leyden	7	Shelburne	6		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 112 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2017. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. FCTS has maintained Level 2 Accountability status for the last four years. Our overall Progress and Performance Index (PPI) moved from 17% in 2012 (Level III) to 31% in 2014 (Level II) and have maintained Level II status ever since, with nearly 30% growth each year. Additionally, the district met the goals set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

Franklin County Technical School has distributed high school diplomas to more than 97% of its students with nearly 70% joining the regional workforce and 30% moving on to post-secondary education or armed services. The FCTS dropout rate is significantly below the state average.

On June 23, 2015 Franklin County Technical School District was fortunate to have received approval from all nineteen member towns to participate in a bond authorization which allowed FCTS to fund the MSBA 73.89% reimbursed Window and Door Replacement Project, as well as afford FCTS the opportunity to repair its twenty year-old roof and ensure paving upgrades of its forty year old driveway, track, parking lot and associated areas, which were original to the school in 1976. Payment for the bond will begin to impact member towns in FY19. FCTS now has state-of-the-art exterior energy efficient doors and windows, new parking lot paving and lights, track, basketball courts and a new silicone roof coating. In addition, FCTS has added new interior doors and handles to bring us into ADA compliance. FCTS administration and teachers were instrumental in utilizing vocational students to support electrical, plumbing, and landscaping associated with the projects. Students were digging trenches to lay conduit for lighting, running heavy equipment to support installation of parking lot lights, providing landscaping for courtyards, removing shrubs, trees, and replanting vegetation, which have saved the district an estimated \$100,000.

Franklin County Technical School's technical programs have been busy with community-based projects that are used as learning opportunities. Every year the shop programs, with instructors and students, embrace the authentic work that is done in the communities. These activities engage students in a way that builds skills and pride on work sites. Project work is treated as an immersive activity, with guidance and professional direction by instructors. Due to the instructional nature of the work, duration of a project may increase, but costs associated with a project to our cities and towns are significantly decreased. Students from Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Landscaping Horticulture, Auto Technology, Welding and Collision Repair are involved in repair and upgrading activities on campus that save FCTS money as compared to associated costs with hiring contractors. What follows are some examples of the ways in which we serve our communities: Annually, FCTS faculty, staff and students donate to food drives for needy families and organizations throughout Franklin County. This year, responding to the immense needs as a result of the hurricane that damaged Puerto Rico, students and staff participated in money drives and supplies for the island residents. Our Culinary Arts program again participated in the "Senior Safety Expo" at the Sheutzen Verien in Gill. This event, run by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, focused on safety for our senior citizens. Seniors throughout Franklin County, and beyond, attend the event. Culinary also prepares soups for the Hope & Olive "Soup and Games" night that benefits various local organizations.

Our Pre-Employment or (PEP) program provides specialized instruction and training for students with disabilities, donates to the Dakin Animal Shelter and Ronald McDonald House.

ACCREDITED MEMBER NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, INC

In Greenfield, Carpentry students continue to build cabins at Camp Keewance. They also built the new athletic storage building for Greenfield High School. The Electrical program continues to annually provide electrical and other setup activities for the Relay for Life, and they are assisting Habitat for Humanity with the electrical wiring for the house being built on Smith Street. The Landscaping/Horticulture program has worked on the Greenfield Veterans' Memorial Field, provided irrigation consultation for Lunt's Field, and the students and instructors have been going to Adult Day Health Services to work on floral design with the clients. Health Technology is very active in Greenfield, with students conducting clinical and community service work at GVNA Adult Day Health, Arbors Assisted Living Facility, NELCWIT/GVNA, Recovery Project, and Buckley Nursing Facility.

In Turners Falls & Millers Falls, the Landscaping/Horticulture program has worked on the Newt Guilbault fields to rework infields, conducted streetscape planting refurbishing and is now growing naturalized plants for the airport. Students also participate in the Source to Sea cleanup. The tree nursery is doing well, with the trees developing until their eventual planting in Turners/Montague and Greenfield.


In Shelburne, Landscaping/Horticulture does an annual clean-up of Hill Cemetery. Plumbing/Heating students installed AC units into St. Josephs; and in a joint project, the Landscaping program, Collision & Repair Program and Welding program are all working on the removal, repair, refurbishing and reinstallation of the Bridge of Flowers ornate collection boxes.

In Erving, Landscaping/Horticulture has an ongoing hardscaping project for the Riverfront Park. The FCTS house building project is taking place on Central Street in Erving. This project is building skills for carpentry, electrical, plumbing and landscaping students, and is adding a nice home to the community.

An assortment of activities in other communities took place that included the rebuilding of a sign for the Pine Notch Cemetery in Deerfield, building winsets for the Sunderland Town Energy Committee, greenhouse help for Charlemont-Hawlemont School, installing drip edge for the Charlemont town halls cleanup and pruning for the North Cemetery in Leyden, along with replacing their wishing well.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those who allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2017

Bernardston-Lloyd J. Szulborski; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski;
Conway-Brian Kuzmeskus; Deerfield-Vacancy; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Sandy Brown;
Greenfield-Paul R. Doran, Christopher L. Joseph, Mark Leonard, Mark M. Maloney;
Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague-Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson;
Dennis L. Grader; New Salem-Angela Fournier; Northfield-Scott Milton; Orange-Clifford J. Fournier, Secretary;
Linda R. Chapman; Shelburne-Angus Dun, Vice-Chairperson; Sunderland-James Bernotas;
Warwick-A. George Day, Jr.; Wendell-Jeffrey D. Budine; Whately-Donald C. Sluter



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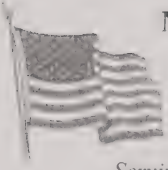
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"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." – A Lincoln

FY16 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

To the Citizens of the Northeast Quabbin Veterans' Services District:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing for its needy veterans immediately following the Revolutionary War. In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, the state legislature formalized the assistance provided to veterans by establishing Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 115 and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS).

DVS is the state's lead agency for overseeing the general welfare of the Commonwealth's nearly 400,000 living veterans. DVS establishes policy, proposes legislation, provides annual training, and ensures compliance with MGL Chapter 115 and other laws and regulations germane to serving veterans.

MGL Chapter 115: Section: 3B was passed into law by the Commonwealth during FY15 establishing the mandatory requirement whereby Directors of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers (VSO) must become legally certified. Mandatory recertification is required every three-years.

MGL Chapter 115 authorizes an eligible veteran to receive certain financial, medical, and other benefits earned by their military service. Services are available through the local area Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers living in one of the Commonwealth's 351 communities.

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Secretary – DVS authorized the Northeast Quabbin Veterans' Services District to begin operations in January 2006. DVS requires the district to reapply every two years to continue operations. On March 7, 2017 DVS granted approval for the district to continue operating through June 30, 2019.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 115: Section 11, for every authorized district, there shall be a Board of Directors. The board consists of a representative appointed by the Board of Selectmen from each member community. The Board establishes By-Laws to define district administration and operations compliant with MGL Chapter 115.

Led by the Director of Veterans' Services, the district serves veterans and dependents having a formal residence in Athol, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston.

After 10 years of service, Neil McGuirk retired as Director of Veterans' Services on June 30, 2017. In advance of his retirement date, a transition plan was implemented for the period May 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Fedencia Fitch was appointed Director of Veterans' Services.

VETERANS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE DISTRICT

A. MGL Chapter 115

- 1. A program of financial and medical assistance that may be available to veterans and/or dependents based on eligibility requirements.
- 2. The following chart represents FY16 Veterans’ Benefits paid, by community, to its eligible veterans and/or dependents. Benefits paid are reimbursed at
- 3. 75% by the commonwealth.

FY17 VETERANS’ BENEFITS DATA

Town	Benefits Paid	State Reimbursements	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$180,278.49	\$135,211.15	75%
Orange	\$107,860.52	\$80,895.39	75%
Petersham	\$4,216.32	\$3,162.24	75%
Phillipston	\$7,225.80	\$5,419.35	75%
Royalston	\$2,7900.00	\$2,092.50	75%

- 4. Burials in one of two Massachusetts Veterans’ Memorial Cemeteries, Winchendon and Agawam.
- 5. Women Veterans’ Network – Provides women veterans with information on benefits, expand awareness of the needs, and identify health and human resources to meet those needs.
- 6. Homeless prevention, Transitional Housing and outreach services.
- 7. Wartime Bonuses, Annuities, etc.
- 8. And more...

B. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

- 1. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): Applications for Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) service-connected disabilities, pensions, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation, healthcare, veterans’ grave markers, and more.
 - a. VA Compensation & Benefits (VBA) paid nearly **\$7.1M** dollars in annual compensation to veterans, dependents and surviving spouses living in the district.
 - b. VA Central-Western-Massachusetts Healthcare System – Headquartered at Northampton VA Medical Center, Leeds has five Community Based Outpatient Clinics delivering medical treatment to over 25,000 veterans with an annual budget of **\$162.2M**.
- 2. Department of Defense (DOD): Military records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued; applications to correct Military Records, and more.
- 3. Other Agencies including:

- a. Massachusetts Department of Health & Human Services
- b. Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development
- c. U.S. Social Security Administration
- d. U.S. Department of Labor
- e. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- f. U.S. Department of Justice
- g. Other Massachusetts & U.S. Departments and Agencies.

The office has seen an increase in the numbers of veterans applying for service-connected disabilities including most notably Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, and more.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities are eligible for VA Healthcare. All other veterans may be eligible for VA Healthcare based on defined criteria. Due to the Affordable Care Act, wartime and peacetime veterans may qualify for VA Healthcare.

I look forward to serving veterans, spouses, surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, and dependents formally residing in one of the District's communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Fedencia P. Fitch

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Director of Veterans' Services

2017 REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to twenty-two member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2017 shows an increase in the amount of recycling tonnage compared to 2016. District residents recycled almost 1,800 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility.

In 2017, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 56 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 576 households participated in these collection events.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2017. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 360 households participated in this event. 52% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$84,400 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town’s successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

We continued to bale wood pellet bags and agricultural plastic in our second year of this recycling program. We manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*

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January 19, 2018

Select Board
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Orange Town Hall
6 Prospect Street
Orange, MA 01364

Dear Select Board,

I am writing to provide you with an annual report on activity in Orange's Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund (HRRLF) account during the time period of **January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017**.

Under the terms of HRA's agreement with the Town of Orange HRA deposits proceeds repaid from Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation loans into a revolving loan fund (HRRLF) and lends these funds at no interest to low and moderate income homeowners in Orange for the purpose of making health and safety improvements to their homes.

The **following chart** provides a summary of activity in the Orange Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund account between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017:

A	Beginning Balance of funds in account as of December 31, 2016	\$12,091.43
B	Deposits – loan repayment and interest	\$47,124.20
C	Withdrawals – loan funds expended	\$5,479.38
D	Withdrawals – fees paid (24%, 2% HRA, 2% DHCD (also on Line N)	\$2,872.07
E	Ending Balance of funds in account as of December 31, 2017	\$35,409.58

This **next chart** provides information on housing rehabilitation projects completed or in progress in Orange between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 (these projects are projects done beyond any happening in current grant activity):

F	Number of new loans closed from the HRRLF (1/1/17 – 12/31/17)	1
G	Total amount of new loan funds committed	\$5,479.38
H	Total loan funds expended	\$5,479.38
I	Loan funds committed during this time period and not yet expended as of 12/31/17	\$ 0.00

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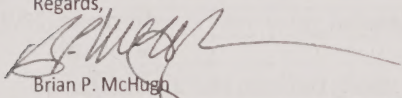
HRA administers the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund for the town on a fee-for-service basis. HRA charges two types of fees: a program administration fee at the time that loans are initiated, and a loan servicing fee deducted at the time that loans are repaid. The fee structure, per the signed contract dated January 23, 2013, provides for a 24% program administration fee and a 2% loan servicing fee. The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development also requires the town to pay a 2% fee on funds deposited in the revolving loan fund during the preceding calendar year. The following chart provides a summary of fees paid between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

K	HRA program administration fees	\$1,315.05
L	HRA loan servicing fees	\$942.48
M	DHCD program fees	\$614.54
N	Total fees	\$2,872.07

As of December 31, 2017, the balance of all outstanding housing rehabilitation mortgages in the Town of Orange was \$2,094,115.81 and there is/are 55 household(s) in Town on the waiting list for loans. We will continue to address emergencies with funds remaining in the HRRLF.

HRA appreciates the opportunity to assist residents of Orange through the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund program. If you know of any residents who could benefit from this program, please refer them to us.

Regards,



Brian P. McHugh
Assistant Director of Community Development

cc: Adrienne Menges, CD Administrator

